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'It's pretty unfriendly down there'

Villagers tell U.S. troops area is secure, but when Americans leave, enemy resurfaces

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An American soldier stands guard on a hilltop overlooking a wadi in the village of Shembowat, Afghanistan. The village is often the point of origin for mortar and rocket attacks from insurgent fighters who threaten anyone who cooperates with the government or U.S. and coalition forces.

BY DIANNA CAHN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP CLARK, Afghanistan — The shell flew over Camp Clark in the early afternoon last week, sending residents of this U.S. base in eastern Afghanistan's Khost province into a familiar scurry for cover.

The single mortar shell fired from Shembowat, the village on the next hill, missed the camp just minutes before village elders were due to arrive at the adjacent Afghan army base to talk about insurgents and how they have threatened residents not to cooperate with the government.

Give us weapons and we will fight them, they told American and Afghan commanders.

Right in Camp Clark's backyard, Shembowat is a reality check for the hardened military camp, where good food, air-conditioned huts, Internet and even a swimming pool offer a comfortable respite from the war outside the gates.

Shembowat is a typical farming village, far removed from the political landscape. Residents often sit on the fence between the warring forces in their midst. Under threat of violence, villagers and some leaders lie low, giving free rein to insurgents who wander the mountain terrain they call home.

For many, it seems a safer course of action. Local Afghan politicians are often assassinated by insurgents. And there is harsh retaliation against villagers perceived as supporting the government or U.S. troops. A villager told Israr during his visit to Shembowat that, two days earlier, a resident was taken from his home and beheaded on such a suspicion.

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Gen. McChrystal calls for shift in strategic approach to Afghanistan **Page 2**

Violence in Iraq won't slow troop withdrawal

BY ROBERT BURNS AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has concluded the risk of a security collapse in Iraq is too slight to slow plans for withdrawing U.S. troops.

In the run-up to Tuesday's deadline for U.S. combat troops to leave Iraqi cities, the nation has been rocked by big attacks, including a bombing Wednesday evening in the Sadr City district of Baghdad that killed more than 78.

Still, intelligence analysts, policy advisers and military officers in Washington and Iraq said in a series of interviews that they believe the threat of renewed sectarian warfare is receding — even with the transfer of security control from U.S. to Iraqi hands.

At stake in that judgment is not only Iraq's hope for stability after six years of war, but also an early verdict on President Barack Obama's decision to do less in Iraq in order to do more to turn around the war in Afghanistan.

The next milestone on the path to U.S. military disengagement is next Tuesday's deadline for American combat forces to leave Iraqi cities, including Mosul, which has been a hotbed of insurgent activity.

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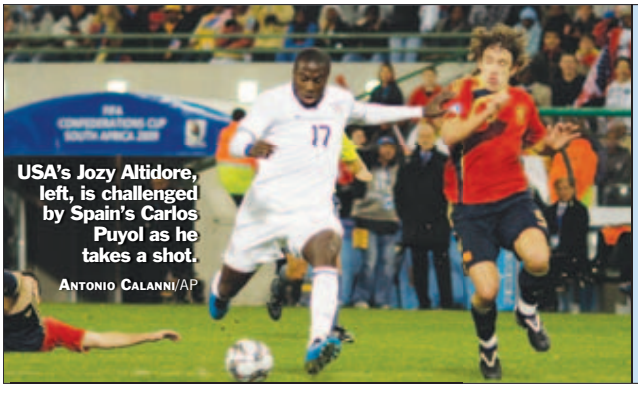
ADIL AL-KHAZALI/AP

A doctor's assistant treats Ali Ahmed, 5, after a bomb ripped through a crowded market in Baghdad on Wednesday.



USA's Jozy Altidore, left, is challenged by Spain's Carlos Puyol as he takes a shot.

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Pitch perfect

U.S. men's soccer scores huge upset by defeating top-ranked Spain to reach Confederations Cup final

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"It's weird for me to see tanks just lined up. … I'm used to seeing them on the go. But it's a good thing"

—Maj. Mekelle Epperson, plans officer for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, on equipment sitting idle or being packed as U.S. troops begin to vacate bases in eastern Baghdad

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Call for new view in Afghanistan

McChrystal: Military needs 'cultural shift' in strategic approach

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
The Associated Press

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said that U.S. and other NATO troops must make a "cultural shift" away from being a force designed for high intensity combat and instead make protecting Afghan civilians their first priority.

The newly arrived four-star commander said Wednesday he hopes to install a new military mindset by drilling into troops the need to reduce the number of Afghan civilians killed in combat.

McChrystal is expected to formally announce new combat rules within days that will order troops to break away from fights — if they can do so safely — if militants are firing from civilian homes. One effect of the new order will be that troops may have to wait out insurgents instead of using force to oust them, he said.

"Traditionally American forces are designed for conventional, high-intensity combat," McChrystal said during a visit to Camp Leatherneck, a new U.S. Marine base housing thousands of newly deployed Marines in southern Helmand province. "In my mind what we've really got to do is make a cultural shift."

Because the military is such a big organization, the new message will take "constant repetition," he said.

President Hamid Karzai has pleaded with U.S. and NATO forces for years to reduce the number of Afghan villagers killed in combat. Karzai has long said that such deaths turn civilians away from the government and international forces and toward the Taliban, a point McChrystal underscored.

"When you do anything that harms the people you just have a huge chance of alienating the population," he said. "And so even with the best of intentions, if our operation causes them to lose property or loved ones, there is almost no way somebody cannot be impacted in how they view the government and us, the coalition forces."

McChrystal, who took command of all U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan last week, is making his first visits to regional commanders to outline the new combat rules.

He said later that U.S. troops may have been overconfident in the early years of the Afghan conflict after the Taliban regime fell so easily. He said the U.S. may have "oversimplified" the Afghan challenge as a result.

Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, the Marine commander at Camp Leatherneck, said his forces were already following McChrystal's new commands.

"Our focus from the very beginning has not been Taliban. It's been civilians," he said. "We've paid a lot of attention to avoiding civilian casualties. … We have a lot of combat vets, a lot of Iraq vets. And I think we learned early on the importance of trust and support of the locals."

He added: "There will be plenty of opportunities to kill Taliban, and we're pretty good at that. But the focus here, the reason we're here, is the people, not the Taliban."

The Pentagon has asked McChrystal for a 60-day review of the Afghan war, a review that could result in a recommendation to shift troops to new locations in Afghanistan. McChrystal said he didn't yet know if he would request more troops.

JASON STRAZIUSO/AP

The commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, right, meets with the governor of the southern province of Helmand at a British military base in Lashkar Gah, in southern Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

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Correction

An information box accompanying a June 26 story about Landstuhl Regional Medical Center should have said the hospital has treated 54,736 troops from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2004.

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Making the move

1st BCT gets key help from Iraqis to meet deadline

By Teri Weaver
Stars and Stripes

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Consider the packing list for the move: dozens of tanks, Bradleys and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. More than 100 housing trailers and 2,000 concrete T-walls. Computer and electrical equipment for nine high-tech and military headquarters offices.

And don't forget the 2,900 soldiers who, as part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, moved in and around Baghdad in recent weeks to comply with Tuesday's deadline to pull back U.S. combat troops from Iraq's cities.

Now try to do it all in a couple months. That's the situation faced by the 115th Brigade Support Battalion, which is completing the brigade's move out of nine joint security stations in eastern Baghdad, according to Lt. Col. Gregory Holmes, the battalion's commander.

"That is a short period of time to move the amount of equipment we've moved," said Maj. Mekelle Epperson, the battalion's plans officer.

The battalion began planning for the moves in January when it arrived at Camp Taji, a massive U.S. and Iraqi base northwest of Baghdad, Epperson said.

As the support battalion moved in, it left enough space for the tracked vehicles and soldiers who would arrive from Iraq's capital in early summer.

Epperson and others planned the cargo moves in addition to the battalion's regular food and supply runs to the bases throughout the area.

To help, the battalion signed about $500,000 worth of contracts with Iraqi movers, Holmes said.

"The contractors were very, very helpful," Epperson said. "Without them, it would have taken a miracle."

The brigade left some of its equipment, like air conditioners and generators, for the Iraqi security forces who remain at some of the bases.

The rest is being recycled. Some of the living trailers went to other rural bases in the brigade's area, east of the Tigris River, to house some of the moving soldiers.

The bulk of the brigade's tracked vehicles and many of its MRAPS now sit covered in dust at Taji. The plan, for the short term, is to maintain the vehicles and keep them in Iraq in case they are needed, Holmes said.

"It's weird for me to see tanks just lined up," Epperson said. "I'm used to seeing them on the go. But it's a good thing."

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Left: Tanks are parked at Camp Taji as part of the effort to get U.S. combat troops out of Baghdad. Above: Maj. Mekelle Epperson looks over the vehicles.

PHOTOS BY TERI WEAVER/Stars and Stripes

Kyrgyzstan ratifies new Manas deal

By Leila Saralayeva
The Associated Press

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — Kyrgyzstan's parliament unanimously approved a deal Thursday allowing the U.S. to continue using an air base crucial to military operations in Afghanistan, sharply shifting course months after ordering American forces out by August.

Lawmakers voted 75-0 to ratify the agreement, providing a much-needed boost to the U.S.-led coalition as it ramps up military operations against Taliban and al-Qaida militants and struggles to maintain other supply routes into Afghanistan. Five deputies abstained.

Approval was expected after Kyrgyz authorities announced a deal Tuesday to let the U.S. use the Manas air base as a transit center at more than triple the previous rent. Despite changes to the wording, the deal apparently will continue to allow the U.S. to transport weaponry, ammunition and troops as well as non-lethal military supplies.

The decision effectively reverses an eviction order under which U.S. forces were to leave by Aug. 18. President Kurmanbek Bakiyev stunned Washington in February by announcing the base would be closed, citing what he called insufficient compensation and other concerns.

U.S. forces have had access to Manas, outside the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek, since 2001. Its importance to Afghan operations grew after neighboring Uzbekistan evicted U.S. troops from a base there in 2005.

(Summer) school of Japanese art

Above: Silvia Ayala, a Marine spouse, and her daughter, Synthia Ayala, 10, work together to smooth clay on the belly of the shisa dog they are sculpting during the Host Nation Culture Summer School at Bechtel Elementary School at Camp McTureous, Okinawa, on Thursday. Japanese artists taught the elementary students and parent volunteers how to mold sitting shisas from the Japanese clay.

PHOTOS BY CINDY FISHER/Stars and Stripes

"Squish, squish," chants William Winebrenner, 8, as he and his mother, Staff Sgt. Patty Winebrenner, smooth clay onto the legs of the shisa dog they sculpted at Bechtel Elementary School at Camp McTureous on Thursday.

DECA extends some CertifiChecks

Servicemembers who were recently deployed or on temporary duty have another year to use gift certificates from a defunct Ohio-based company, the Defense Commissary Agency said this week.

To qualify for reimbursement of CertifiChecks certificates, individuals must have been deployed or on TDY between March 6 and July 31, DECA said.

CertifiChecks Inc. closed in February and filed for bankruptcy in April, effectively making hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of military gift certificates worthless.

DECA continued to cash the certificates at a loss but planned to stop the practice at the end of July.

The agency has accepted $590,000 worth of the gift certificates worldwide since the company went under.

The certificates were a popular gift bought by organizations and families.

About $20 million in certificates were purchased for use at commissaries over the past seven years, including more than $3.9 million in 2008 alone, DECA reported.

Pacific gets new master chief

Master Chief Petty Officer John Minyard has been named the Pacific Fleet's new top enlisted sailor, according to a Navy release.

Minyard's predecessor, Fleet Master Chief Tom Howard, has been assigned as U.S. Fleet Forces Command Master Chief.

Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles, more than half the Earth's surface, and consists of approximately 180 ships, 1,500 aircraft and 125,000 personnel, the release said.

Calls to family, friends are on USO

Servicemembers can call family members and friends for free with new Internet phones at USO centers in the Pacific, United Service Organizations announced this week.

IPEVO, a designer and manufacturer of Internet-based devices, is donating Skype phones to USO facilities in Guam, mainland Japan, Okinawa and South Korea.

For more information on USO operations in the Pacific Region, visit www.uso.org/pacific.

From staff reports

Building relationships in 'Ambush Valley'

Shembowat: Troops seek out Afghans ahead of elections

SHEMBOWAT, FROM PAGE 1

An hour after meeting with the elders, Lt. Col. Pete Molin, commander of the Embedded Training Teams at Camp Clark, and Brig. Gen. Mohammad Israr, the Afghan National Army's 203rd Corps' 1st Brigade commander at neighboring Camp Parsa, fired up an armored convoy and headed down the road to Shembowat.

They marched up past the bombed-out school that the U.S. helped build, and stood on the high ground overlooking the stunning landscape of the village and its farmland pouring into the valley below.

To the south, Clark and Parsa were readily visible, while the view into the wadi, or dry riverbed, and the mountains beyond spoke of the challenges U.S. and Afghan forces are facing here.

"It's pretty unfriendly down there," Molin said.

In February and March, shells were flying at Clark on a regular basis. One hit the dining facility and Molin said he and his staff were working hard to keep folks calm.

In a 3 a.m. attack on June 4, 13 mortars and rockets were fired at Clark, some containing white phosphorous, with burning debris landing just feet from the artillery motor pool's ammunition stock, said Staff Sgt. Wilson Suarez of the 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment.

"That would have been fireworks," said Suarez, whose 3rd Platoon, Battery B is attached to Task Force Steel in Khost.

Even the elders who work with the U.S. and Afghan forces sometimes deliver cryptic messages. During their visit to Israr's office, village elder Haji Nazeb told the commanders, "If we weren't with you, you'd have all the rockets coming at you," leaving some to question whether that was intended as a threat, or just a statement of reality.

PHOTOS BY DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

Above: Coalition forces with 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Regiment approach a house on the mountainside village of Chirmir during a mission on June 16. Below: First Lt. Nick D'La Rotta talks with a resident of Chirmir. D'La Rotta's platoon pushed northward to speak to villagers about polling locations ahead of the August presidential elections.

Reaching out

The wadi behind the madrassa leads north past Shembowat and into a series of remote mountainside villages in the Nadir Shah Kot district in western Khost province. The area is not easily accessible, and U.S. forces in their cumbersome mine-resistant armored vehicles hadn't penetrated that hostile area for some time.

Recently, 1st Lt. Nick D'La Rotta, from the 4th Brigade Combat Team Airborne, 25th Infantry Division out of Alaska, led a joint mission to push up the wadi and get with locals about polling places for the August presidential elections.

Flanked at times by 20- to 30-foot cliffs, the soldiers remarked how easily men with guns could fire down on them from the ridgelines. One soldier dubbed the route "Ambush Valley."

When they reached the village of Chirmir, perched along the mountainside several miles past Shembowat, the convoy stopped. Beside them was a single house at the bottom of the steep slope.

Afghan soldiers made contact with the homeowner, then D'La Rotta sat down with his translator and the man for a chat in the shade.

The conversation was amicable. But when asked about security, the villager gave a familiar answer: There are no problems, security is good. It was a scenario repeated several times that day, as the forces climbed up to Chirmir and then later up to the village of Kanay, where they located a mosque that is slated as a polling site in August.

"We get a lot of those same responses from people," D'La Rotta said later. "It's a different attitude of 'Inshallah' (God willing) — anything can happen. It can be easy to talk to the people. They will give you some information, but as soon as we leave, it's back to normal for them. The enemy can be back in there without us even knowing it. We were out there for four days and the day after we left a guy was beheaded and rockets were fired at Clark."

To keep up a presence, the troops are working with the Afghans to set up checkpoints at key locations ahead of the elections.

Given the difficulties, it is easy for troops to feel that they've made few inroads in this battle to forge relationships with the Afghan people.

But D'La Rotta takes encouragement from their work with the Afghan forces. There are still problems — the Afghans rescheduled the mission three times before it actually got on the road, and then, only after D'La Rotta woke up his counterpart — but D'La Rotta and other mentors say Afghan National Army forces are learning.

"Sometimes it feels like we can't build the relationships we'd like to," D'La Rotta said. "I think the most progress come with the ANA. ... I think the relationships have come a long way."

'Best FOB'

Clark is described by Molin, its top officer, as "the best FOB (forward operating base) in Afghanistan." Many of the troops agree.

Until recently, Clark was an intimate camp, with fewer than 200 people.

Most knew each other by name and soldiers gathered nightly in the gym to play volleyball or at the smoke shack, a screened-in wooden shack that looks more like a safari lodge than a base on the front lines. When more than 100 new forces arrived here last week, some expressed concern that Clark would lose its close-knit feel.

"I loved it when it was 150 people," said Suarez, who puffed on a cigar in the smoke shack on a recent day off. "Now our numbers grew, so some of our luxuries are diminishing a bit, like good food and open spaces."

But the luxuries can't belie their location.

A day after D'La Rotta's mission, the 2nd Platoon, Company D hit a roadside bomb about 800 yards outside the camp's gate. It knocked the gunner unconscious and rattled everyone in the truck, though no one was badly hurt, said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Delage, who was in the vehicle's front seat.

"It's a win for them to be able to set something up so close. Nobody saw it, nobody could do anything about it," said Delage, 32, of Applegate, Mich. "But then again, we are not too far from Shembowat. Once we get that cleared up, it should be quieter around here."

And on Saturday, a convoy about six miles from base was ambushed. First Sgt. John Blair, from the 48th Brigade Combat Team of the Georgia National Guard, was killed when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

"I tell my men they have to be thinking warriors," Capt. Bobby Davis of Columbus, Ga., whose platoon went out to help the convoy, said the following day. "You have to be able to go out and talk to people and in the flick of a switch, like yesterday, to kill and then continue the mission — go out again and talk to people."

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Police: Bomb kills 7 in southwest Baghdad

BY PATRICK QUINN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A bombing at a bus station in a Shiite neighborhood in southwest Baghdad on Thursday killed at least seven people and wounded 31 others, police said, the latest in a series of deadly attacks ahead of a U.S. military withdrawal from cities next week.

Another three bombs and a mortar killed two more people around the capital. The U.S. military said nine American soldiers were wounded in two roadside bomb attacks against a convoy in eastern Baghdad. The attacks were the latest in a series of deadly bombings mostly targeting Shiites in the past week.

The bombing occurred when a parked car bomb exploded inside the Baiyaa district's bus station, police officials said. They could not be named because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The bombings came as police sifted through the bloody debris of an explosion late Wednesday that killed 78 people, trying to determine how such a massive bomb was smuggled into the teeming heart of Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City.

U.S. and Iraqi officials have warned that more bombs and attacks are to be expected in the days before and after U.S. troops complete a withdrawal from cities and major urban centers on Tuesday. Most of the attacks so far have targeted Shiites or communities with predominantly Shiite populations. The killing spree began on June 20 with a massive truck bomb that killed 82 people in a mainly Shiite town near the northern city of Kirkuk, which was the deadliest bombing so far this year.

LOAY HAMEED/AP

Police inspect the site of a bombing at a bus station in southwest Baghdad on Thursday. The blast was the latest in a series of deadly attacks ahead of a U.S. military withdrawal from cities next week.

More than 160 people have died in bombings over the past five days.

In a statement, U.S. Ambassador Christopher Hill and top military commander Gen. Ray Odierno condemned the Sadr City bombing and said that "we deplore the senseless deaths and injuries of innocent Iraqi citizens."

Besides killing 78, the attack Wednesday in Sadr City also wounded 143 people. It was the deadliest in more than two years in the area, which is heavily controlled and where people entering the district have to pass through numerous checkpoints manned by Iraqi army and police.

According to Iraqi Army Maj. Gen. Qassim Atta, the bomb was built using about 441 pounds of high explosives packed with steel bearing and other metal objects. It was apparently loaded on a motorcycle pulling a cart.

"Most of victims of the explosion that occurred in Sadr city had small steel balls and nails in their bodies," said Dr. Mahmoud Mizaal at Sadr City hospital.

Al-Qaida activity, numbers drop in Iraq, U.S. says

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of al-Qaida extremists in Iraq has plummeted and their ability to maintain a high-level of attacks has been eroded, U.S. intelligence suggests.

Battered by the surge of U.S. and allied troops into Iraq, and the slowly increasing effectiveness of Iraqi security forces, al-Qaida's franchise in the war-worn country is finding fewer foreign fighters to tap for suicide bombings, said U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism officials who have been studying the terror group's activities.

Those changes, officials say, suggest that the terror group is evolving to one heavily dependent on local militants who are less committed to broader jihadist goals.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence reports, said that the number of foreign fighters coming across Iraq's borders had dropped from hundreds to "tens," and the membership of al-Qaida in Iraq has plunged from thousands at its peak in 2006-07 to hundreds now.

Intelligence reports indicate that not only has al-Qaida in Iraq become less effective and less popular, it's become a different operation, said one senior counterterrorism analyst.

During its heyday, al-Qaida in Iraq had ties to the terror group's leadership with an eye to expanding beyond Iraq's borders to a broader jihadist effort against the west.

Now, the U.S. official said, al-Qaida in Iraq is focused on Iraq, struggling to maintain a foothold there as its ties to the central al-Qaida leadership weaken. The terror group's leaders, including Osama bin Laden, are now believed to be hiding in safe havens in Pakistan, along the rugged border with Afghanistan.

Still, military leaders from Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, on down have repeatedly warned that progress in Iraq is fragile, and it is too soon to count al-Qaida in Iraq AQI out.

Deadline: Political turmoil, continuing violence spurs security worries

DEADLINE, FROM PAGE 1

The deadline is in an agreement reached during the administration of President George W. Bush as a step toward the full withdrawal of U.S. forces by the end of 2011.

Preceding Wednesday's carnage, a string of bombings and shootings in Baghdad and elsewhere killed dozens earlier this week, and on Saturday a truck bombing near the northern oil center of Kirkuk killed 82 people.

Officials believe the bloodiest attacks are the work of al-Qaida in Iraq, the diminished but resilient insurgent group believed to be run largely by foreign Arabs.

It is the al-Qaida group's decline — in numbers of fighters, resources and effectiveness — over the past year that gives U.S. officials greater confidence that Iraq will stay largely on track toward stability even as the American role grows smaller.

The optimistic view was captured in a recent remark by Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, who is on his third tour there.

"The dark days of previous years are behind us," he said.

Still, a prevailing view among U.S. intelligence officials who closely follow trends in Iraq is that violence is likely to rise this summer.

Attack numbers are going to go up as U.S. combat patrols are reduced, said one military intelligence officer who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an internal assessment of violence trends.

In that view, the insurgents will regain some momentum as the U.S. presence grows thinner. But the intelligence analysts also believe the insurgents' gains will be too small to trigger a renewed cycle of sectarian warfare. A cycle of violence between Sunnis and Shiites in 2006-07 brought Iraq to the brink of all-out civil war.

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> U.S. commander in Iraq

Some private analysts worry that the administration may be underestimating the possibility that continuing violence and political turmoil could lead to an unraveling of the security situation.

Stephen Biddle, who periodically served as an adviser to Gen. David Petraeus when Petraeus was the overall U.S. commander in Iraq in 2007-08, takes a cautious view, although he does not predict an Iraqi collapse. He recommends slowing the pace of the announced U.S. withdrawal, while noting that this would impose tough political costs on a president who campaigned on a promise of a rapid action.

"But failure in Iraq has major costs of its own, both for Americans and for Iraqis," Biddle wrote in an analysis last month titled, "Reversal in Iraq."

"On balance, paying the cost of a slower withdrawal, while expensive, may ultimately be the cheaper approach."

There are still about 131,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, including 12 combat brigades, and the total is not expected to drop below 128,000 until after the Iraqi national election expected in January.

But the mission of the remaining American troops is shifting from combat to training and advising.

Senior intelligence and counterterrorism officials said they expect al-Qaida in Iraq to continue to mount sporadic high-profile attacks such as suicide car bombings.

But the officials maintain that the terror group no longer has the capacity to sustain those attacks for long periods of time as it did until last year.

Al-Qaida's freedom of action has been restricted, and its support networks have been badly damaged, said one senior intelligence analyst who spoke on condition of anonymity

That official also said al-Qaida has not given up on Iraq.

He said recently intercepted internal al-Qaida messages made clear that top leaders of the terrorist network still want to keep a foothold in the Middle East.

IN THE STATES

Farrah Fawcett

'Charlie's Angels' actress dies at age 62

By Bob Thomas
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Farrah Fawcett, whose luxurious tresses and blinding smile helped redefine sex appeal in the 1970s as one of TV's "Charlie's Angels," died Thursday after battling cancer. She was 62.

The pop icon, who in the 1980s set aside the fantasy girl image to tackle serious roles, died Thursday shortly before 9:30 a.m. in a Santa Monica hospital, spokesman Paul Bloch said.

She burst on the scene in 1976 as one-third of the crime-fighting trio in TV's "Charlie's Angels." A poster of her in a clingy swimsuit sold in the millions.

She left the show after one season but had a flop on the big screen with "Somebody Killed Her Husband." She turned to more serious roles in the 1980s and 1990s, winning praise playing an abused wife in "The Burning Bed."

She had been diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006. As she underwent treatment, she enlisted the help of actor Ryan O'Neal, who had been her longtime companion and is the father of her son, Redmond, born in 1985. This month, O'Neal said he asked Fawcett to marry him and she agreed. They would wed "as soon as she can say yes," he said.

Her struggle with painful treatments and dispiriting setbacks was recorded in the television documentary "Farrah's Story," which aired May 15 and drew nearly 9 million viewers, NBC estimated.

Fawcett sought cures in Germany as well as the United States, battling the disease with iron determination even as her body weakened.

"Her big message to people is don't give up, no matter what they say to you, keep fighting," her friend Alana Stewart said.

In the documentary, Fawcett was seen shaving off most of her trademark locks before chemotherapy could claim them. Toward the end, she's seen huddled in bed, barely responding to a visit from her son.

Michael Jackson dies in L.A.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson, the sensationally gifted "King of Pop" who emerged from childhood superstardom to become the entertainment world's most influential singer and dancer before his life and career deteriorated in a freakish series of scandals, died Thursday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. He was 50.

The person said Jackson died in a Los Angeles hospital. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

The circumstances of his death were not immediately clear. Jackson was not breathing when Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded to a call at his Los Angeles home about 12:30 p.m. local time, Capt. Steve Ruda told The Los Angeles Times. The paramedics tried to resuscitate him and took him to UCLA Medical Center, Ruda told the newspaper.

Jackson's death brought a tragic end to a long, bizarre, sometimes farcical decline from his peak in the 1980s, when he was popular music's premier all-around performer, a uniter of black and white music who shattered the race barrier on MTV, dominated the charts and dazzled even more on stage.

His 1982 album "Thriller" — which included the blockbuster hits "Beat It," "Billie Jean" and "Thriller" — remains the biggest-selling album of all time, with more than 26 million copies.

He was perhaps the most exciting performer of his generation, known for his feverish, crotch-grabbing dance moves, his high-pitched voice punctuated with squeals and titters. His single sequined glove and tight, military-style jacket were trademarks second only to his ever-changing, surgically altered appearance.

As years went by, he became an increasingly freakish figure. His skin became lighter and his nose narrower. He surrounded himself with children at his Neverland ranch, often wore a germ mask while traveling and kept a pet chimpanzee named Bubbles as one of his closest companions.

In 2005, he was cleared of charges he molested a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland in 2003.

AP

Michael Jackson holds the Millennium Award during the 2000 World Music Awards ceremony in Monaco, French Riviera. Jackson died in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Train crash victim called 'man of honor'

By Jeff Schogol
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The former head of the Washington, D.C., National Guard was one of the nine people killed in Monday's train crash in Washington.

Retired Maj. Gen. David F. Wherley Jr. should be remembered as "a man of honor and integrity," said Sgt. Khalia Jackson, who said he worked with Wherley on many occasions.

"He always commended those who deserved it, encouraged those who needed it, and made everyone feel welcomed and appreciated," Jackson said. "Maj. Gen. Wherley was the epitome of a leader."

Wherley's wife, Ann, also died in the crash, which occurred when one Metro train ran into the back of another train that was stopped on the tracks.

Wherley was a "very honest, sincere and dedicated man who loved a challenge," said Barbara Wood, who worked with him at the D.C. National Guard. "He was very humble and made people feel important by really listening to what they had to say. He sincerely cared about people."

Wherley received his commission in 1969 through the ROTC program at Fordham University in New York. After leaving active duty, he joined the D.C. Air National Guard. He commanded the District's Army and Air National Guard units for more than five years before retiring in June 1998.

The current head of the D.C. National Guard said he is "personally grieved" by the death of Wherley and his wife.

"David Wherley and Ann were two of the best people you could ever want to know," Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz said in a news release. "This community will grieve, as will the entire National Guard throughout the country who knew and loved them both."

'It looked like a wave'

Maj. Dave Bottoms, a chaplain at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, survived the crash, he said, because he sat far enough toward the rear of the train car. Afterward, he acted quickly to comfort injured riders, refusing to leave before paramedics arrived.

"I don't understand the mystery of how I was spared, that there's no explanation that I know of for that, but here I am," Bottoms said on Wednesday.

He said he remembers watching the front of the car he was riding in buckle as the two trains collided.

"Seats began to topple on top of each other, metal began to crash and as I watched it was coming closer and closer to where those of us in the back were, and it looked like a wave," he said.

Wherley

The "wave" stopped about three seats in front of him.

"I heard screams coming from — a woman screaming from the middle, but I couldn't see her," Bottoms said.

He crawled toward her and started talking to her and then he and others in the car called 911.

"The young lady was obviously asking for help," Bottoms said. "She was screaming. I told her that we were there and that we weren't going to leave her; that she wasn't alone and that we had called the 911 and that they knew that we were — that they were in the process of coming to understand that we were stuck."

He told her to remain calm and encouraged her to pray.

Later, someone from Metro told the people inside to leave, Bottoms and the others refused to leave the injured passengers until emergency responders arrived.

"You would not have been able to have seen the young woman underneath all the seats, so if she had stopped yelling then and we had left, you wouldn't know she was there," Bottoms said.

Bottoms and the others moved the seats until he could see the back of the woman's head. She had a strong pulse, but she had stopped talking.

She died later.

"I'm really just heartbroken that she didn't make it," he said. "She looked like she had a full life ahead of her."

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Metro to rearrange rail cars

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Metro's general manager says the agency is rearranging its trains to put the system's oldest and structurally weakest rail cars in the middle of trains, where they would be less vulnerable.

The 1,000-series cars, which were built in the 1970s, were involved in Monday's crash in which nine people were killed. They had previously been singled out for criticism by federal safety officials, who said they should have been reinforced or replaced to make them better able to withstand a crash.

District of Columbia Mayor Adrian Fenty said the deadly crash dramatizes the need for upgrades and modernization.

Does running for office lead to running around?

List of philandering politicians is long, varied

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

Analysis

WASHINGTON — What is it with philandering politicians?

Why do men in power think they are above us and can get away with cheating on their spouses, particularly when media scrutiny is so intense and peccadilloes are arguably more politically damaging now than in the past?

There's a long list of those who thought they could jet off to Argentina, or cruise on the Monkey Business, or check into a hotel under an assumed name or use an escort service and never get caught, never have to come clean.

Sanford

The names quickly come to mind — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., Sen. David Vitter, R-La., former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., one-time Democratic presidential hopefuls John Edwards and Gary Hart, former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer, ex-New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, current New York Gov. David Paterson.

These days, the fallout can run the gamut. It can doom a career — former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey — or unleash the fury of a special prosecutor, leading to impeachment — former President Bill Clinton.

This wasn't always the way it was. There are politicians, presidents even, who dallied privately and didn't pay publicly, John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt included.

No more.

It's a different world, with an insatiable appetite for scandal.

That makes it all the more inexplicable that these men — and they are almost universally men, as politics remains mostly a man's game — tempt fate. And, particularly, men with presidential aspirations.

One possible explanation, said Stanley Renshon, a political psychologist at City University of New York: "Narcissism is an occupational hazard for political leaders. You have to have an outsized ambition and an outsized ego to run for office."

Or, perhaps, think you can stray from your marriage without consequence.

"I think too often, and for me in the political process, you begin to think of yourself as master of your own universe and your own set of ethical structures, your own sense of decision-making," McGreevey, who resigned amid a scandal over his admission of a homosexual affair, said Thursday on NBC's "Today" show.

Edwards

To be sure, politicians don't necessarily have different reasons for cheating than non-politicians, and they don't necessarily cheat more often.

The difference: "They live their lives more in a fishbowl, and that has responsibilities and costs with it," Renshon said, adding that an adulterous politician doesn't just betray his family's trust, he also betrays the public's trust.

If they can lie to their loved ones, who is to say they won't lie to everyone else?

House passes $44B Homeland Security bill

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House passed a $44 billion spending bill Wednesday that awards the Homeland Security Department a 7 percent budget increase, with money for more border patrol agents and for anti-piracy efforts off the coast of Somalia.

As part of a GOP campaign against President Barack Obama's order to close the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the bill requires the department to conduct threat assessments for the terrorist suspects being held there. It also requires that the department ensure that detainees are placed on its "no-fly" list and denied an array of immigration benefits, including admission into the United States and refugee status.

Those moves complement steps to block the release of Guantanamo detainees into the United States contained in a newly enacted war-funding bill.

The House bill passed by a 389-37 vote. It came to the floor amid protests from Republicans, who said Democrats had taken unprecedented steps to close out lawmakers in both parties from being able to offer amendments freely, as is the long-standing custom of the House when debating appropriations bills.

Rep. Harold Rogers of Kentucky, the top Republican on the Appropriations homeland security subcommittee, was frozen out of offering an amendment to end delays in requiring federal contractors to participate in the E-verify program, which uses the Social Security Administration database to root out people working in the U.S. illegally. The underlying bill extends E-verify for two years.

The Homeland Security measure is the third of 12 annual appropriations bills to pass the House as Democrats try to get the appropriations process back on track. It's been years since the spending bills have passed as individual measures; instead, much-criticized multi-bill omnibus spending measures have become the norm.

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IN THE WORLD

N. Korea denounces U.S. stance

By Jae-soon Chang
The Associated Press

SEOUL — Tens of thousands of North Koreans shouted slogans to denounce international sanctions at a rally in central Pyongyang on Thursday as the communist country vowed to enlarge its atomic arsenal and warned of a "fire shower of nuclear retaliation" in the event of a U.S. attack.

The rally marked the 1950 outbreak of the Korean War, which about 5,000 people — mostly American and South Korean veterans and war widows — also commemorated at a ceremony in Seoul.

The anniversary came a day after President Barack Obama extended U.S. economic sanctions against North Korea, saying its arsenal and the risk of proliferation "continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat" to the United States, according to the White House Web site.

In Pyongyang, an estimated 100,000 packed the main square, shouting "Let's smash!" in unison while punching clenched fists in the air, footage from APTN in North Korea showed. A placard showed hands crushing a missile with "U.S." written on it.

State-run newspapers ran lengthy editorials accusing the U.S. of invading the country in 1950 and of looking for an opportunity to attack again. The editorials said those actions justified North Korea's development of atomic bombs to defend itself.

The new U.N. resolution — passed to punish Pyongyang after its May 25 nuclear test — seeks to clamp down on North Korea's trading of banned arms and weapons-related material by requiring U.N. member states to request inspections of ships carrying suspicious cargo.

North Korea has said it would consider any interception of its ships a declaration of war.

Adding to the tensions, anticipation is mounting that the North might test-fire short- or mid-range missiles in the coming days. The North has designated a no-sail zone off its east coast from June 25 to July 10 for military drills.

The North has also been holding two U.S. journalists since March. The reporters, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, were sentenced to 12 years of hard labor for illegal border crossing and hostile acts earlier this month.

Korean Central News Agency/AP

North Koreans gather at a rally at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea. The writing on the poster says, "With the people's power, let's smash the U.S. moves for nuclear war provocation."

Witness: Militia killed protester

The Associated Press

An Iranian doctor who claims he tried to save Neda Agha Soltan as the young Iranian protester bled to death on the streets of Tehran said Thursday that she apparently was shot by a member of Iran's pro-government Basij militia.

Video images of 26-year-old Soltan, with blood pouring from her mouth and nose as a few Iranian men struggled to save her, have became a powerful symbol of the protests taking place over Iran's disputed presidential election.

Dr. Arash Hejazi told the British Broadcasting Corp. that he was one of those men who tried to save her.

The protesters spotted an armed member of Iran's Basij militia on a motorcycle, and stopped and disarmed him, the doctor said.

The man appeared to admit shooting Soltan, shouting "I didn't want to kill her," but the furious protesters confiscated his identity card and took photographs of him before letting him go, Hejazi said.

Meanwhile, Iranian authorities arrested 70 university professors who met with embattled opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, his Web site said Thursday, but he vowed to persevere with his election challenge despite the apparent attempt to isolate him from his supporters.

The declared winner of the June 12 balloting, hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, accused President Barack Obama of meddling in Iran's affairs.

State media reported Thursday that in addition to the 17 protesters killed in the recent unrest, eight members of the pro-government Basij militia were killed and dozens more wounded by weapons and knives.

A Thursday march by another opposition figure, reformist presidential candidate Mahdi Karroubi, was postponed for lack of a permit, a day after club-wielding security forces dispersed a small group of protesters outside Iran's parliament.

Mousavi's Web site said he has applied for permission to hold a gathering to commemorate the "martyrs" of the postelection campaign.

FACES

Perez Hilton sues Peas manager

A new front has opened in the battle between Perez Hilton and the Black Eyed Peas manager accused of hitting him: a civil lawsuit.

The celebrity blogger sued the Peas' manager in Los Angeles on Wednesday for battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. He is seeking unspecified damages in excess of $25,000.

The suit states Hilton is seeking to protect his rights to free speech and claims Polo Molina attacked him because he made critical comments about the Black Eyed Peas' new album.

Molina was arrested in Toronto early Monday after he allegedly punched Hilton following a heated argument between the blogger and Black Eyed Peas leader will.i.am.

Hasselbeck: No merit to plagiarism claim

Television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck says a claim that she plagiarized parts of her best-selling diet book is "without merit."

Hasselbeck

Hasselbeck, co-host of morning talk show "The View," defended her book "The G-Free Diet: A Gluten-Free Survival Guide" on the air Wednesday. She spoke to the camera briefly just before the first break on the show.

Susan Hassett, a self-published author, alleges in the lawsuit filed in Massachusetts that Hasselbeck lifted content from her book on celiac disease "word for word." It doesn't cite specific examples.

Hassett says she sent Hasselbeck her book as a courtesy after Hasselbeck disclosed she had the digestive disorder last year.

'Jon & Kate' show on hiatus

While Jon and Kate Gosselin begin to sort out the pieces of their broken marriage, "Jon & Kate Plus 8" is merely taking a break.

A day after the couple revealed their impending divorce and won the biggest ratings coup ever for TLC's prized reality show, the network announced the program would go on hiatus until Aug. 3. The purpose: to give the Gosselin family time to "regroup, and then a modified schedule will be in place to support the family's transition," TLC said.

Divorce papers Kate Gosselin filed in Montgomery County Court outside Philadelphia, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, said her marriage to Jon was "irretrievably broken." She said in the filing that she's willing to "negotiate a fair and reasonable" settlement with her husband of 10 years.

Key among their shared assets will be the reality series that has made them stars — along with plaguing their family with tabloid scrutiny and scandalmongering.

Hot dish

Montgomery Gentry has been inducted into the Grand Ole Opry.

Actress **Darryl Hannah**, NASA scientist James Hansen and other mountaintop removal mining opponents were arrested Tuesday during a protest in southern West Virginia. The 30 protesters arrested face misdemeanor charges of obstruction and impeding traffic.

Sarah Jessica Parker and **Matthew Broderick** dug into their family roots for the names of their twin daughters.

The middle names of Tabitha Hodge Broderick and Marion Loretta Elwell Broderick are both family names on Parker's side, according to publicist Simon Halls.

— The Associated Press

CAMERON DIAZ'S TIME TO SHINE

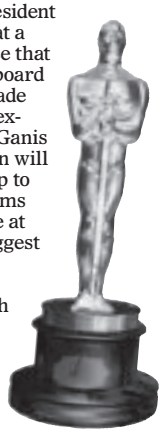
AP

Actress Cameron Diaz is honored June 22 with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Academy taking 10

Oscar best-picture nominees to double

The Academy Awards are doubling the number of best-picture nominees from five to 10.



Academy President Sid Ganis said at a news conference that the academy's board of governors made the decision to expand the slate. Ganis said the decision will open the field up to more worthy films for the top prize at Hollywood's biggest party.

The change takes effect with next year's Oscars on March 7.

The move is a return to Oscar traditions of the 1930s and '40s, when 10 nominees were common.

Ganis said the board looked at last year's slate of films and decided there was room for more in the top category.

Among last year's most acclaimed movies was the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight," which wound up snubbed.

Ganis said the broader field also might make room for documentaries, foreign-language films, animated movies and even comedies, which typically do not fare well at the Oscars.

"Everybody says the academy will never nominate a comedy," Ganis said. "Well, maybe we will."

Ganis noted that 1939's 10 best-picture nominees were "Gone With the Wind," which won, "The Wizard of Oz," "Stagecoach," "Wuthering Heights," "Love Affair," "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Of Mice and Men," "Dark Victory" and "Ninotchka."

— The Associated Press

'Transformers 3' would be darker, out of this world

If there's going to be a third "Transformers" movie, director Michael Bay says he'll be back to make it.

And star Shia LaBeouf promises it'll be darker than the first two.

LaBeouf

Bay and LaBeouf talked about the prospects of another sequel Monday night at the Los Angeles premiere of the second installment, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

While a third chapter hasn't been officially announced, Bay says he intends to return to the franchise if No. 3 moves forward. But he says he needs some rest first, having just finished the second one.

LaBeouf says a third movie might move beyond Earth and be "more of an intergalactic thing." And hinting at a darker tone, he says, "Someone has to die."

— The Associated Press

NO FOX? NO PROBLEM

Speaking of the as-yet-hypothetical "Transformers 3" ... Megan Fox may be one sexy star, but true "Transformers" fans can do without her. According to Fandango.com — the nation's leading movie-ticketing destination — 84 percent of fans would still be interested in seeing "Transformers 3" even if Megan Fox did not appear in it. Though 36 percent of folks dub Fox the sexiest woman at the movies this summer, the robots may be the real stars of her blockbuster franchise. Regardless, 47 percent of fans are still most excited to see her in "Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen," which opens in overseas base theaters on July 3.

— Wireless Flash

AP

HEY, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT ...

Megan Fox dismisses comparisons between her and Angelina Jolie as the product of a lazy media. The two actresses are both brunettes with tattoos who are known for their candor — and that has been enough for some to proclaim Fox the heir apparent to Jolie's crown. Fox says the parallels are the product of a lack of media creativity, but adds, "you live with it."

With regards to rumors pairing her with her "Transformers" co-star LaBeouf, Fox, 23, says she and the actor, who were paired in the first "Transformers" movie, enjoy a brother-sister relationship. LeBeouf says rumors the two are dating are just that. He described himself as a "red-blooded 23-year-old," but said the connection with Fox is strictly professional.

— The Associated Press

FAITH

Family pushes for sainthood for priest

N.J. man says friar cured his son's cancer

BY ASHLEY KINDERGAN
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

RIVER EDGE, N.J. — A New Jersey resident is on a mission to get saint status for a beloved Detroit priest, whom he believes answered prayers to heal his son's cancer.

Kevin Blute hopes the Vatican will make the Rev. Solanus Casey the first male saint born in the U.S., and suggested a friend's prayer group name itself after the friar. Blute's teenage son, Ryan, was diagnosed with melanoma in 2007 and has since recovered.

"I feel like I'm in gratitude to him big time, and so I want to do everything I can," said Blute, 50. "I also think it would be great for the country if we had an American-born male saint."

The River Edge area chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Catholic service and prayer group, is now helping fellow member Blute with his cause. The group now has about 100 active members from northern New Jersey. They have held fundraisers for local charities and marched in parades in Bergenfield, N.J., and Yonkers, N.Y., with a big banner bearing Casey's name, hoping to pique people's interest.

The Catholic Church has already declared Casey venerable, the second step in a four-stage canonization process. Now, the friar's supporters need to document miracles that can be attributed to Casey's intercession. Blute hopes that people with miraculous stories will come forward.

To the Blute family, Ryan's story is a miracle. But the fact that he was treated with interferon immunotherapy for a year after his diagnosis may make his case a tough sell for the Vatican. The Catholic Church needs to document stories in which medical treatment cannot possibly explain a recovery.

Ryan Blute was diagnosed with melanoma on his 14th birthday after having a mole removed in 2007. His grandmother, Anne Blute, belongs to a Father Solanus Casey prayer group in Yonkers, where the priest served at Sacred Heart Friary from 1904 to 1918. She gave Ryan a Father Solanus Casey relic badge to wear. The family started praying to Casey, too.

The cancer had spread to Ryan's lymph nodes, which doctors removed. Three days after the surgery, all the scans for cancer came back clean and subsequent scans have stayed that way.

Today, he is one of the top hitters on the River Dell High School baseball team.

Casey, a Capuchin friar, has long had a devoted following in Detroit, where he spent most of his career. Capuchins there have created the Solanus Casey Center and a guild that advocates for his canonization and documents possible miracles.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican has not yet accepted any of the guild's submissions as miracles, said Brother Leo Wollenweber, a friar in Detroit and vice postulator for Casey

"He had a great reputation for holiness," Wollenweber said.

"He was very ordinary, very human, very interested in people and very easy to talk to."

Casey, the son of Irish immigrants, joined the Capuchin friars. He was ordained a priest in 1904, but was not permitted to hear confessions. He is most famous for his service as doorkeeper at the St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, where he started a soup kitchen, counseled people and gained a reputation as a healer.

One tale about Casey holds that a local Chevrolet plant was saved from the brink of collapse by an influx of orders that came in after an executive signed the company up to receive prayers from a Mass association that Casey promoted.

"He's a possible saint out of central casting," said Lawrence Cunningham, a professor of theology at Notre Dame University.

"He fits a classical profile of someone who was heroically interested in the people who came to his door."

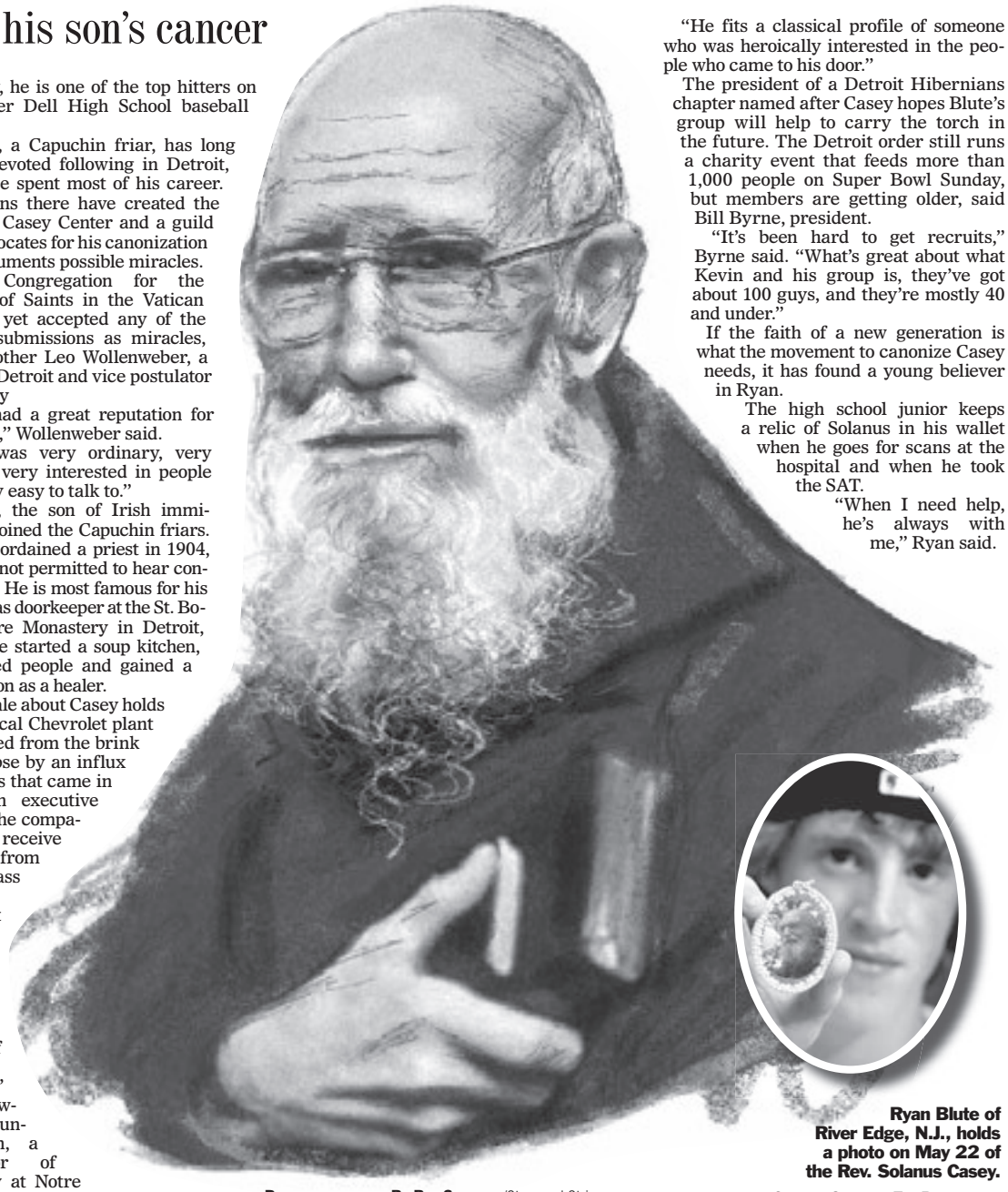
The president of a Detroit Hibernians chapter named after Casey hopes Blute's group will help to carry the torch in the future. The Detroit order still runs a charity event that feeds more than 1,000 people on Super Bowl Sunday, but members are getting older, said Bill Byrne, president.

"It's been hard to get recruits," Byrne said. "What's great about what Kevin and his group is, they've got about 100 guys, and they're mostly 40 and under."

If the faith of a new generation is what the movement to canonize Casey needs, it has found a young believer in Ryan.

The high school junior keeps a relic of Solanus in his wallet when he goes for scans at the hospital and when he took the SAT.

"When I need help, he's always with me," Ryan said.



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Ryan Blute of River Edge, N.J., holds a photo on May 22 of the Rev. Solanus Casey.

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YOUR MONEY

GI Bill transferability has some quirks

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

Users of one of the most popular features of the Post-9/11 GI Bill — the option to transfer benefits to family members — will find a few quirks in how Congress designed the transfer provisions as they take effect in August.

For example, spouses of active-duty members who hope to use transferred benefits to attend private colleges will be delighted at the value of the benefit for them. It will cover full tuition and fees, with no ceiling, and therefore will be worth far more than benefits transferable to college-bound children or even benefits available to veterans using the full plan themselves.

On the other hand, active-duty spouses who use transferred benefits to attend public colleges or universities will have a more modest education package than other GI Bill users including eligible children. That's because active-duty spouses will not qualify the GI Bill's monthly living allowance or annual stipend for books and supplies.

Another quirk about transferability has officials advising servicemembers to transfer at least a month's worth of GI Bill benefit to every dependent before they leave service. This will lock in an opportunity to transfer benefits to them later. Any family member not approved for transferability before a member retires or separates will be denied the opportunity forever, unless the member reenters service. Likewise, veterans who re-marry or have more children after leaving service will not be able to transfer GI Bill benefits to these new family members.

Bob Clark, assistant director of accession policy in the Office of Secretary of Defense, said Department of Defense will open a secure Web site for servicemembers to elect to transfer benefits on Monday. The address, when activated, will be: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB.

Only members who are on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1, when the new GI Bill takes effect, will be able to make transfers. The reason, Clark explained, is that transferability was designed to help retention and avoid an exodus of careerists who might be enticed to leave service to use an improved education benefit. The feature seems to have had that effect because interest in transferring benefits to family members, in return for longer service, has been "overwhelming," Clark said.

Members will be allowed to transfer benefits to a spouse if they have served at least six years and agree to serve four more. They will be allowed to transfer benefits to children if they have served at least 10 years and commit to four more. Obligations under current service agreements count toward this commitment so, for instance, a member already serving under a re-enlistment contract with three years remaining would only have to extend by a year to satisfy the four-year commitment on transferability.

An exception to the four-year requirement is allowed for members who have served at least 10 years and are barred by service policy or statute such as high-year tenure or mandatory retirement rules, from serving a full four years more. To be able to transfer GI Bill benefits, they only will have to serve whatever additional time is allowed by policy or law.

There also five temporary exceptions for members nearing retirement or with retirement orders in hand, as we explained in a late April column.

All applications to transfer benefits will be made through the Transferability of Educational Benefit (TEB) Web site. Though the site goes live Monday to grant advance approvals of transferability effective Aug. 1, officials ask that servicemembers with no family members attending college this fall delay using the site until at least July 15 so applications from members with students in fall classes can be processed more quickly.

Servicemembers will log in using their Common Access Card or a DOD self-service ID number or the PIN (personal identification number) that they use to access pay accounts with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Their applications will be routed to their service where family member status will be checked and a new service commitments set. "Any service commitment, if required, will start on Aug. 1, 2009," said Clark.

Members will learn if their application is approved by checking the same Web site periodically. Approved applications will be sent daily to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Family members then can apply to VA for a certificate of eligibility to use a certain number of months of the new GI Bill. Certified family members will use the benefit like any qualified veteran.

"They will have access to veterans' affairs assistance at their school and use all other procedures the schools have in place for veterans," Clark explained.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill usually is described as a benefit intended to cover tuition and fees at any college or university, up to a ceiling for such charges at the most expensive state-run university. The benefit also pays a monthly living allowance equal to local military housing allowances for a E-5, plus a $1000 annual stipend for books and supplies.

But a more enhanced benefit applies to active-duty members using the new GI Bill while in service, and these benefits can be transferred to spouses. For them, the new GI Bill will cover full tuition and fees at any college or university, with no ceiling on coverage tied to the most costly state school.

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WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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52-week High	52-week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
11,924.19	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,299.86	-23.05	-.28	-5.43	-29.73
5,293.41	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,124.15	+45.78	+1.49	-11.68	-38.11
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	352.37	+3.27	+.94	-4.96	-32.86
8,945.54	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,795.72	+36.23	+.63	+.67	-34.63
2,257.28	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,556.19	+2.09	+.13	+11.35	-30.49
2,473.20	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,792.34	+27.42	+1.55	+13.65	-25.36
1,335.63	666.79	S&P 500	900.94	+5.84	+.65	-.26	-31.85
861.19	397.97	S&P MidCap	561.77	+7.32	+1.32	+4.36	-33.84
13,634.46	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,213.15	+73.86	+.81	+1.39	-31.79
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	494.95	+5.18	+1.06	-.90	-30.90

NYSE MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	3261264	12.35	+.12
DirxFinBear	2049653	5.09	-.15
SPDR	1944789	90.12	+.77
DirxFinBull	1663336	8.53	+.23
Citigrp	1259290	3.04	+.03
SPDR Fncl	1040790	11.61	+.14
GenElec	813531	11.70	+.10
iShEMkt s	771155	31.22	+.67
FordM	697622	5.63	+.10
WellsFargo	684664	23.17	+.26

AMEX MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PSCrudeDL	90847	4.28	-.02
EldorGld g	49159	8.51	+.44
Hemisphrx	45368	2.01	+.07
GoldStr g	35848	1.84	+.11
NthgtM g	28123	2.17	+.14
GranTrra g	25227	3.13	+.07
NwGold g	25154	2.79	+.16
NovaGld g	22287	4.50	+.25
GrtBasG g	20407	1.36	-.05
UraniumEn	20176	2.72	+.45

NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	974829	35.59	+.59
Oracle	964738	21.26	+1.39
ETrade	737407	1.23	+.02
Microsoft	534318	23.47	+.13
Intel	522284	16.10	+.29
Cisco	465602	18.61	+.04
HuntBnk	337326	4.37	+.21
BrcdeCm	298417	7.80	+.40
Yahoo	295880	15.45	+.77
NewsCpA	293667	8.99	-.08

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	18	81.89	-2.27	-4.5
Boeing	1.68	14	41.32	-2.55	-3.2
Computer Sciences	...	6	43.06	+.48	+22.5
General Dynamics	1.52	9	54.54	-1.45	-5.3
General Electric	.40	8	11.70	+.10	-27.8
Halliburton	.36	14	20.57	...	+13.1
Harris Corp.	.80	12	27.95	+.10	-22.4
Allied Signal	1.21	9	31.04	-.39	-5.5
L-3 Communications	1.40	9	68.46	-1.53	-7.2
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	79.52	-1.83	-5.4
NorthropG	1.72	...	44.89	-.37	-.3
Raytheon	1.24	11	44.22	-.53	-13.4
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	10	30.59	+.80	-5.1
Texas Instruments	.44	22	20.98	+.37	+35.2
Textron Inc.	.08	7	9.55	+.25	-31.1
United Technologies	1.54	11	50.81	-1.03	-5.2

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	54.00	+.63	+10.3
Fidelity Spartan: EqIdxInv	32.03	+.21	+1.1
Fidelity Invest: USBl	10.79	-.01	+2.0
Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	26.29	+.13	+4.8
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.07	+.12	-.5
Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	11.94	+.07	+10.8
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.53	+.12	+7.5
Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	9.57	+.07	+2.9
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.28	+.08	+5.8
AIM Investments A: Const p	16.94	+.08	+.6
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	22.69	+.32	+11.8
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.43	+.11	+5.2
Fidelity Advisor T: EqInT	16.72	+.10	-1.0
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOppT	21.59	+.24	+13.4
DWS Invest S: Intl EdS	36.53	+.43	+5.4
Putnam Funds A: GlbEqty p	6.74	+.03	+5.8
Lord Abbett A: DevGtA p	12.44	+.27	+17.2
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.73	+.09	+2.2
DWS Invest S: CorPlsInc	9.81	-.02	+3.6

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (June 26)	93.00
South Korean won (June 26)	1,251.00
Euro costs (June 26)	$1.4282
Dollar buys (June 26)	€ 0.7002
British pound (June 26)	$1.67

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	$1.6287
Canada (Dollar)	1.1578
China (Yuan)	6.8357
Denmark (Krone)	5.3419
Egypt (Pound)	5.5986
Euro	$1.3938/0.7174
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
Hungary (Forint)	198.69
Israel (Shekel)	3.9680
Japan (Yen)	96.26
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2882
Norway (Krone)	6.5061
Philippines (Peso)	48.29
Poland (Zloty)	3.24
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4590
South Korea (Won)	1,273.35
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0987
Thailand (Baht)	34.13
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5550

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close

Gold	$934.10
Silver	$13.899

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.18
30-year bond	4.43

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa	--	$2.653	--	$2.461
Change in price	--	+2.4 cents	--	+4.4 cents
South Korea	$2.784	--	$3.017	$2.709
Change in price	+1.9 cents	--	+2.8 cents	+4.4 cents
Guam	$2.879*	$2.989	$3.109	--
Change in price	+2.0 cents	+2.0 cents	+3.0 cents	--

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Initial jobless claims rise

By Jeannine Aversa and Christopher S. Rugaber
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite persistent layoffs, the economy seems to be faring better than it was at the start of the year.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new jobless claims jumped unexpectedly last week. And the number of people continuing to receive unemployment aid rose more than expected.

The figures indicate that jobs remain scarce even as the economy shows some signs of recovering from the longest recession since World War II.

A revised reading on gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the nation's output — said the economy posted a 5.5 percent annualized decline from January through March. That was slightly better than the 5.7 percent estimate made a month ago.

Initial claims for jobless benefits rose last week by 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 627,000. Economists had expected a drop to 600,000. Several states reported more claims than expected from teachers, cafeteria workers and other school employees, a Labor Department analyst said.

The number of people who are continuing to receive unemployment insurance rose by 29,000 to 6.74 million, slightly above analysts' estimates of 6.7 million. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, was largely unchanged, at 616,750.

Most economists still expect the number of initial unemployment insurance claims, which reflects the level of layoffs, to decline slowly in coming months.

Crop circle mystery solved?

The Associated Press

SYDNEY — Wallabies snacking in Tasmania's legally grown opium poppy fields are getting "high as a kite" and hopping around in circles, trampling the crops, a state official said.

Tasmania Attorney-General Lara Giddings told a budget hearing Wednesday that she had recently read about the kangaroo-like marsupials' antics in a brief on the state's large poppy industry.

Tasmania is the world's largest producer of legally grown opium for the pharmaceutical market.

"We have a problem with wallabies entering poppy fields, getting as high as a kite and going around in circles," The Mercury newspaper quoted Giddings as telling the hearing.

"Then they crash. We see crop circles in the poppy industry from wallabies that are high."

Calls to Giddings' office were not immediately returned Thursday, and The Associated Press was unable to obtain a copy of the brief she cited.

A manager for one of two Tasmanian companies licensed to take medicinal products from poppy straw told the newspaper that wildlife and livestock — including deer and sheep — that eat the poppies are known to "act weird."

"There have been many stories about sheep that have eaten some of the poppies after harvesting and they all walk around in circles," Tasmanian Alkaloids field operations manager Rick Rockliff said.

Others in the local poppy industry could not be reached for comment.

Tasmania supplies about 50 percent of the world's raw material for morphine and related opiates. About 500 farmers grow the crop on 49,420 acres of land.

A red neck wallaby stands in an enclosure on the grounds of the sanctuary in Bargo, Australia. Wallabies snacking in Tasmania's opium poppy fields are getting "high as a kite" and hopping around in circles, trampling the crops, a state official said Wednesday.

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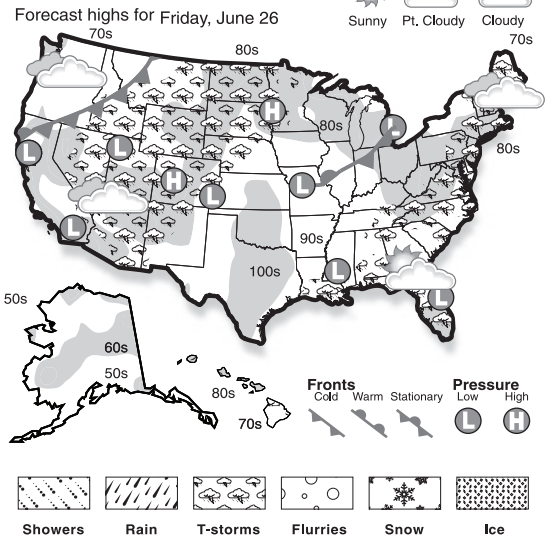
WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, June 26



Front Advances Toward East Coast

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop from the Northeast to the northern Mid-Atlantic as a cold front approaches the East Coast. Scattered storms are also expected across the Four Corners and southern Florida.

Weather Underground • AP

Thursday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Wthr
Amsterdam, 72 55 clr
Athens, 82 60 clr
Auckland, 51 41 pc
Baghdad, 111 84 clr
Basra, 117 88 pc
Bahrain, 99 91 clr
Bangkok, 92 80 rn
Barbados, 88 80 rn
Barcelona, 79 68 pc
Beijing, 104 66 clr
Beirut, 93 76 clr
Belgrade, 74 59 rn
Berlin, 73 57 pc
Bermuda, 76 71 sn
Bogota, 64 44 rn
Brasilia, 79 55 pc
Brisbane, 71 49 pc
Brussels, 76 49 clr
Bucharest, 88 61 rn
Budapest, 75 60 rn
Buenos Aires, 54 37 clr
Cairo, 106 78 clr
Calgary, 75 43 pc
Caracas, 92 79 pc
Colombo, 86 78 rn
Copenhagen, 77 57 clr
Dhahran, 114 86 clr
Dhaka, 94 85 cdy
Dili, 88 62 clr
Dubai, 105 88 clr
Dublin, 66 52 clr
Frankfurt, 77 58 pc
Geneva, 73 55 pc
Guatemala, 68 60 rn
Hanoi, 96 82 pc
Harare, 73 52 clr
Havana, 89 69 clr
Helsinki, 75 48 clr
Hong Kong, 91 84 rn
Islamabad, 109 79 clr
Istanbul, 92 70 pc
Jakarta, 90 75 pc
Jerusalem, 93 71 clr
Johannesburg, 55 41 clr
Kabul, 86 59 pc
Kiev, 86 64 pc
Kuala Lumpur, 91 75 rn
Kuwait, 113 91 clr
La Paz, 55 29 pc
Lima, 69 64 cdy
Lisbon, 75 64 pc
London, 77 53 pc
Madrid, 91 63 clr
Managua, 89 39 rn
Manila, 86 75 rn
Mecca, 114 82 clr
Melbourne, 60 44 pc
Mexico City, 78 55 pc
Montevideo, 51 35 pc
Montreal, 84 63 clr
Moscow, 66 57 rn
Nairobi, 80 50 rn
Nassau, 90 75 rn
New Delhi, 111 89 clr
Nice, 77 66 clr
Osaka, 84 69 rn
Oslo, 80 47 clr
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Paris, 77 55 pc
Perth, 61 48 rn
Prague, 60 53 rn
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Rome, 78 59 clr
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San Juan, 92 79 clr
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Santiago, 61 27 clr
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Sapporo, 80 62 clr
Seoul, 86 62 clr
Singapore, 82 77 rn
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Stockholm, 75 48 clr
Sydney, 68 48 rn
Taipei, 87 80 pc
Tegucigalpa, 86 64 pc
Tehran, 91 75 clr
Tel Aviv, 93 71 clr
Tokyo, 77 69 rn
Turin, 85 57 pc
Toronto, 83 66 clr
Tunis, 82 65 clr
Valletta, 76 62 clr
Vancouver, 65 57 rn
Vienna, 68 58 rn
Warsaw, 73 62 rn
Zurich, 65 52 pc

SATURDAY'S FORECAST

Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Thursday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Prc Weather
Abilene,Tex. 101 75 cdy
Akron,Ohio 86 68 rn
Albany,N.Y. 83 66 .12 cdy
Albuquerque 90 70 .34 cdy
Allentown,Pa. 82 65 cdy
Amarillo 90 65 .10 cdy
Anchorage 58 40 cdy
Asheville 83 58 clr
Atlanta 92 72 cdy
Atlantic City 77 65 .04 cdy
Austin 104 74 cdy
Baltimore 87 63 clr
Baton Rouge 100 75 cdy
Billings 89 57 clr
Birmingham 92 69 clr
Bismarck 79 52 .12 clr
Boise 96 65 cdy
Boston 64 60 .12 cdy
Bridgeport 75 62 .16 cdy
Brownsville 90 74 .49 cdy
Buffalo 82 66 rn
Burlington,Vt. 84 65 cdy
Caribou, Maine 77 60 rn
Casper 90 45 cdy
Charleston,S.C. 87 73 clr
Charleston,W.Va. 87 61 cdy
Charlotte,N.C. 89 64 clr
Chattanooga 92 67 cdy
Cheyenne 84 60 cdy
Chicago 94 75 .04 cdy
Cincinnati 90 70 rn
Cleveland 88 71 rn
Colorado Springs 87 63 cdy
Columbia,S.C. 94 70 cdy
Columbus,Ga. 96 75 cdy
Columbus,Ohio 89 72 rn
Concord,N.H. 72 58 .06 cdy
Corpus Christi 98 70 cdy
Dallas-Ft Worth 101 80 clr
Dayton 90 70 .37 rn
Daytona Beach 89 73 cdy
Denver 86 64 cdy
Des Moines 88 74 cdy
Detroit 92 74 rn
Duluth 82 61 clr
El Paso 94 74 cdy
Elkins 80 53 cdy
Erie 82 67 rn
Eugene 79 54 cdy
Evansville 95 73 cdy
Fairbanks 52 41 .36 cdy
Fargo 79 60 clr
Flagstaff 80 54 .09 cdy
Flint 91 71 rn
Fort Smith 98 76 clr
Fort Wayne 94 73 rn
Fresno 102 68 clr
Goodland 93 63 .04 cdy
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Grand Rapids 96 71 rn
Great Falls 84 54 clr
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Harrisburg 87 65 clr
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Lincoln 90 71 cdy
Little Rock 97 76 cdy
Los Angeles 77 62 cdy
Louisville 91 75 cdy
Lubbock 96 70 cdy
Macon 94 70 .01 cdy
Madison 90 70 cdy
Medford 92 57 clr
Memphis 96 76 cdy
Miami Beach 92 78 rn
Midland-Odessa 95 69 cdy
Milwaukee 94 76 cdy
Mpls-St Paul 85 67 .33 clr
Missoula 89 54 cdy
Mobile 101 76 cdy
Montgomery 97 74 .02 clr
Nashville 90 69 cdy
New Orleans 101 77 cdy
New York City 76 64 .13 cdy
Newark 79 65 .48 cdy
Norfolk,Va. 83 71 .02 clr
North Platte 92 60 cdy
Oklahoma City 98 71 clr
Omaha 87 73 .01 cdy
Orlando 91 75 .12 cdy
Paducah 94 73 cdy
Pendleton 90 56 clr
Peoria 91 72 cdy
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Phoenix 108 88 cdy
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Pocatello 86 51 cdy
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Portland,Ore. 82 59 .01 cdy
Providence 67 61 .01 cdy
Pueblo 95 65 cdy
Raleigh-Durham 91 66 clr
Rapid City 85 55 cdy
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irony of marriage in military

As a dual-military married couple serving in Afghanistan, my wife and I are subject to the prohibited acts of General Order No. 1, which, as most know, prohibits co-habitation unless adequate accommodations are available. But since we were told by our command that it will not provide nor support a lawful heterosexual relationship, we are forced to have the door open when we are together. Now, the irony of all this:

Since our president has stated that he wants to repeal the policy and allow gay and lesbian people to serve openly in the armed forces, agreeing with retired Gen. John Shalikashvili, who stated that the U.S. government has replaced [thousands of] troops, including language experts fluent in Arabic, I wonder what they are going to do to replace the lawfully married couples who are tired of having commanders tell them that they can't be in the same room together. To further add insult to this, homosexual couples are allowed to go into each other's rooms and close the doors, but married couples are not allowed to do so.

Imagine that — our command inadvertently supporting homosexual relationships in theater, while making legal unions of a man and woman wrong.

So tell me, what really brings unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability?

Staff Sgt. Vincent J. O'Donnell
Afghanistan

Stop racial jokes

Prejudice and discrimination in all forms have long lived in our communities and even our armed forces. We, as leaders in the military, can do something within our units to eliminate this negative venom from spreading.

One of the biggest and longtime issues I have seen throughout my 20-year military career is racial jokes. It really sickens me when I hear these jokes from our leaders and noncommissioned officers of all races. What sickens me even more is when the chain of command refuses to acknowledge that type of behavior as negative and that it will lead to something more damaging if the message is not sent that it will not be tolerated.

When someone makes a complaint that they were offended by these jokes, all of a sudden the unit thinks equal-opportunity training will solve the problem and it hides behind the statement, "We did not know this was going on."

Leaders in all ranks should not overlook this type of sensitive joking, or even engage in this behavior. Leaders should always correct this type of behavior in order to erase this venom from spreading throughout our military. Leaders who walk away and fear acknowledging it are just as wrong as the individual who made the joke.

Our American military can be referred to as the greatest "melting pot." We have excellent leaders from all backgrounds that have molded this military into the greatest military in the world. I encourage leaders in all ranks to stop racial jokes from becoming a "norm" in our military. This behavior will divide soldiers in units. To all my comrades in the armed forces: Continue to make this military the greatest military in the world.

Staff Sgt. Steven D. Hill
Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq

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Apology to general warranted

I am writing on behalf of all military personnel in regard to what I believe was a serious injustice committed by Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California when she chastised Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh during a June 18 senate hearing of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

While responding to a question, the general called her "ma'am." Boxer, in turn, scolded the general, telling him not to call her ma'am. She said she worked hard to get the title of "senator" and wanted him to address her in that manner.

This is not only an insult to the general, it is an affront to all people who address their peers with respect. Being a Marine Vietnam veteran, I learned about honor, respect and dignity in the Marine Corps at a very young age.

Boxer, in my opinion, is an ego-driven narcissist who pulled a power play to show the general that she was the big shot in the room. Her arrogance and self-centered attitude should be admonished by the president.

Our military men and women lay their life on the line defending our country. They deserve respect and admiration from our elected officials, not their contempt and petty slights.

Boxer works for we, the people, and we, the people, don't have to put up with officials who don't respect our military. She owes the general an apology for disrespecting his rank and his service to this country.

Gregory J. Topliff
Warrenville, S.C.

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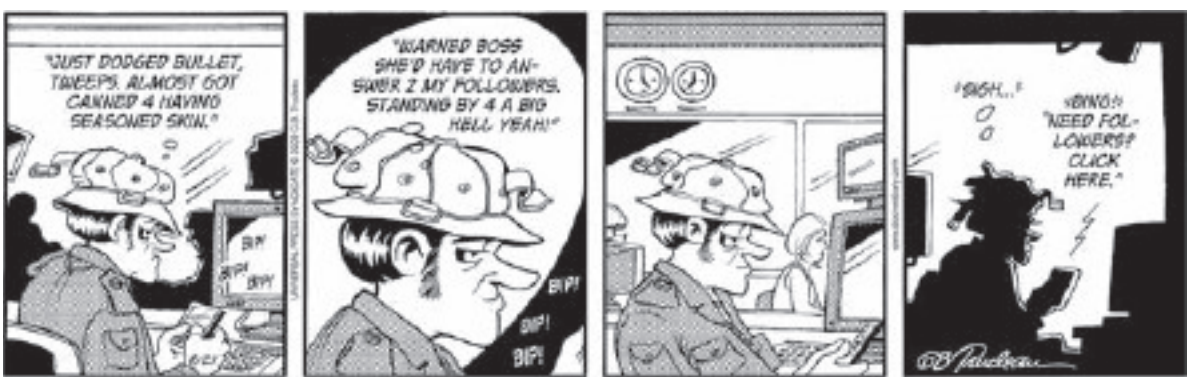

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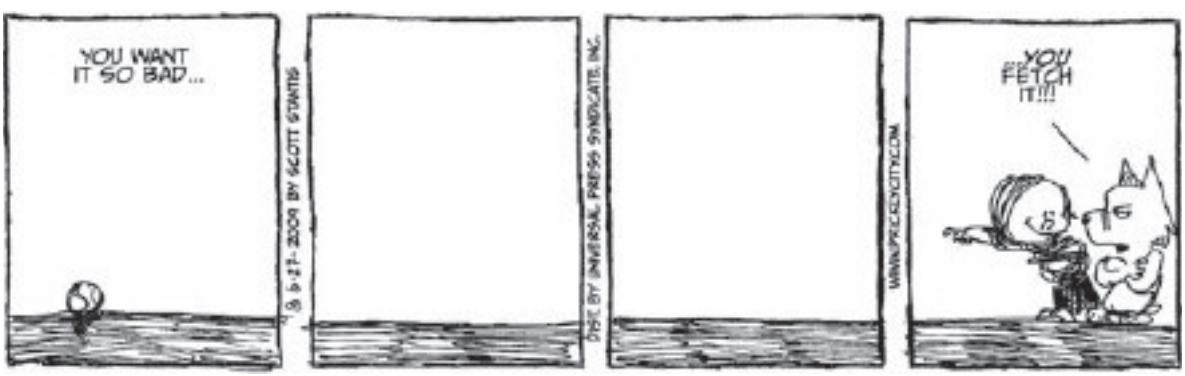

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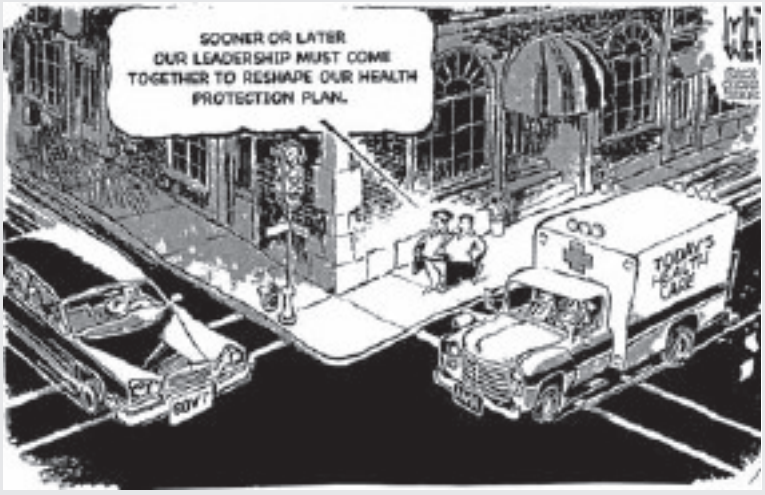

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Case of snake head in broccoli

NY CLIFTON PARK — The case of the severed snake head in a dish of a broccoli at an upstate New York restaurant may go unsolved.

A diner said he found the snake head in May while eating at a T.G.I. Friday's in Clifton Park, north of Albany.

Laboratory tests showed the head hadn't been cooked, indicating it was added to the broccoli at the restaurant. The Carrollton, Texas-based company asked New York State Police to investigate.

State police say they can't determine how the snake wound up in the dish and that the investigation has been closed.

The statute of limitations is five years. So if someone comes forward with evidence within that time, charges could still be filed.

Dog came – somehow – from Saudi Arabia

CA CARLSBAD — A "sweetheart" of a dog now in a California shelter may be really, really far from home. His microchip says the knee-high, light tan Saluki came from Saudi Arabia.

The neutered male dog brought to a Carlsbad animal shelter has an implanted microchip that was sold to the U.S. Military Training Mission, headquartered in Riyadh, said Lt. Dan DeSousa of San Diego County's Animal Services Department.

DeSousa said they haven't been able to track down the owner, even after speaking with veterinarians who work with the U.S. military in Saudi Arabia. Plenty of people have said they would take him but authorities hope the real owner will come forward.

Former hospital exec sues over e-mail

MA BOSTON — A former Caritas Christi Health Care System executive has sued the hospital chain for allegedly retaliating against him after he showed support for a female colleague's discrimination claim.

Michael Metzler, former president of St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, claims in a federal suit that Caritas Christi reneged on a promise to pay him $250,000 for three months of consulting work after he retired. He says he was punished after he sent a supportive e-mail in September 2007 to Susan Labus, St. Anne's chief operating officer, who was passed over for Metzler's job and claimed she was the victim of gender discrimination.

Metzler said Labus was "sold out by white males."

Neo-Nazis adopt road that may be named for rabbi

MO KANSAS CITY — The state's litter prevention program got an unusual ally last year: A neo-Nazi group adopted a half-mile section of highway in Springfield and picked up the trash.

The state said it had no way to reject the group's application, saying membership in the Adopt-A-Highway program can't be denied because of a group's political beliefs.

Lawmakers responded with an amendment to a large transportation bill that would rename that section of road after Abraham Joshua Heschel, a rabbi who narrowly escaped the Nazis in World War II and later marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

But the move is being criticized by Heschel's daughter, who objects to naming the neo-Nazi's patch of highway after her father and calls the plan "highly inappropriate and vulgar."

"I don't want Nazis stomping on a highway named for my father. What are they going to do then if they don't pick up the litter? The whole thing is disgusting," said Susannah Heschel, professor of Jewish history at Dartmouth College.

Postal worker adopts cat dropped in mailbox

MA BOSTON — A New Hampshire postal worker is getting his own special delivery.

George Knapp and his wife, Dani-Jean Stuart, of Weare, N.H., have adopted the two-pound, 8-week-old kitten that was dropped in a public mailbox in Boston.

The MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center says Stuart directed a television news segment about the kitten, which the organization dubbed "Postina." The couple has renamed their new pet P.D., for "postage due."

A U.S. Postal Service letter carrier found the kitty earlier this month amid dozens of envelopes and packages. She likely was stuffed through the mailbox's small opening and dropped several feet onto the mail below.

Animal abandonment in Massachusetts is punishable by up to a $2,500 fine and 5 years in prison.

Flippin' good time

Eric Garner, 10, watches as his brother, Christian, 17, flips off the shoulders of his father, Ken Garner, at Oak Mountain State Park in Birmingham, Ala.

Divers to survey Civil War ironclad

NC HATTERAS — Divers are heading out to sea to begin a survey of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor wreckage 16 miles off the North Carolina coast.

Expedition director Jeff Johnston of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary said the dive boat was heading out of Hatteras and he hoped the offshore weather would be calm.

Divers plan to use high-definition cameras to look for deterioration in the nearly 150-year-old underwater wreckage. The Monitor sits in about 230 feet of water, where it sank while being towed to Beaufort in 1862. The wreck was discovered in 1973 and designated the first national marine sanctuary in 1975.

Whale on beach to be cut up for reburial

RI PROVIDENCE — Officials at a Rhode Island beach are trying again to dispose of a dead 15-ton whale that washed ashore.

Ron Bogle, manager of the private Briggs Beach in Little Compton, says the 42-foot humpback will be dismembered and buried in pieces further from the water. The animal resurfaced after workers buried it in a 6-foot hole at low tide over the weekend.

A spokeswoman for the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration says the whale's bones will go to a researcher.

2 rescued after drifting 52 hours off Aleutians

AK ANCHORAGE — Rod Whitehead had doubts of seeing his five children again as he marked 52 hours adrift in an open skiff in the northern Pacific on Father's Day.

But that afternoon, as hypothermia and dehydration threatened, Whitehead and deckhand Bill Osterback spotted a basket and a swimmer breaking through the heavy Aleutians Islands fog as they were lowered from a Coast Guard helicopter. "I don't know how much longer we could have made it in the skiff. We were just so cold," Whitehead, 50, said from his home in Adak. "It was pretty much a miracle that they found us."

Lobster, wine, a sound sleep follow break-in

ME PORTLAND — Paul Bruneau will have to get used to jailhouse food after workers at a Maine restaurant discovered lobsters and wine missing — and the suspect asleep on a bench.

Police say Bruneau broke into the Portland Lobster Co. through a rear window and stuffed his pockets with cash before chowing down on the better part of 11 prepared lobsters worth about $300 and washing it down with a white wine.

The Portland Press Herald said Bruneau also left the refrigerator open, causing about $1,000 worth of food to be thrown away.

Berry delicious

Strawberries are picked from the patch at Popp's pick-your-own farm in Dresden, Maine. Rainy weather has deterred some pickers, but Popp's owners claim the berries are plentiful and will continue for another few weeks.

Don't worry, just hula

Kena Heck of Eugene, Ore., dances with an oversized Hula-Hoop during a free reggae concert in Stewart Park in Roseburg, Ore. The Music on the Half Shell summer concert series has been taking place for 18 years in Roseburg's Stewart Park.

Game over

Haleigh Lehfeldt and her sister, Shyann, hold onto each other as a hard-edged storm cloud moves through the area while they attend a soccer camp in West Fargo, N.D. Rain started falling a few minutes later.

Clearly a fan

An ocelot stands in front of a box fan looking for some relief from the heat in his Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science guest animal habitat in Tallahassee, Fla.

More than meets the eye

Henry Tsai of Los Angeles wears an Optimus Prime costume as he waits for a midnight screening of the film "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" in Los Angeles.

Best seat in the house

An Amazon Milk Frog sits on a flower in an exhibit in the Rain Forest section of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

DA: Sitter took medicine before toddler died

NY NEW YORK — A prosecutor says a New York City baby sitter took cold medicine and slept as a toddler fell head-first into a bucket of water and died.

Distraught relatives of little James Farrior screamed at Krystal Khan as she appeared in court.

James' devastated mother, Chrisann Josiah, had been planning for his first birthday next month.

The medical examiner says further tests are needed to determine the exact cause of the toddler's death. District Attorney Richard A. Brown says Khan faces up to a year in jail if convicted of child endangerment.

Suit over burning of Mexican flag moved

TX SAN ANTONIO — A lawsuit alleging First Amendment free speech violations in the burning of a Mexican flag in front of the Alamo two years ago has been moved to federal court from state court.

David Bohmfalk, 48, alleges in his lawsuit against the city of San Antonio, park rangers and The Daughters of the Republic of Texas that he was falsely imprisoned, maliciously prosecuted and defamed.

Lawyers for the city and The Daughters of the Republic have denied most of the allegations in court-filed responses, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Bohmfalk says he burned the Mexican flag on May 17, 2007, to protest a Senate bill that would have given amnesty to millions of unauthorized immigrants. The measure did not become law.

KFC chicken giveaway beef headed to court

NY NEW YORK — A couple of unhappy customers who missed out on free grilled chicken at KFC after Oprah promoted it are taking their beef to court.

Two California residents who were unable to use the online coupon sued KFC owner Yum Brands Inc. in state court in Los Angeles. They claim the fast-food company's grilled chicken giveaway last month was a "bait and switch" to get people to spend money at the chain.

For days after the 24-hour posting began, the company was swamped with customers craving the freebie. At some locations, lines snaked around the block and caused traffic jams.

The company has offered rain checks to those who could not redeem the coupons.

Customs officer, wife plead guilty in drug case

AZ TUCSON — A federal customs officer at the San Luis Port of Entry and his wife pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery and to import the drug Ecstasy.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Phoenix said Customs and Border Protection officer Henry Gauani, 41, and his wife Flora Gauani, 46, conspired to let a vehicle loaded with the controlled substance pass through the port for $33,000 in cash.

The couple arranged with a confidential informant to have the vehicle enter the U.S. with what the defendants believed were a half-million Ecstasy pills, authorities said.

Each defendant could face up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine for the conspiracy to commit bribery charge, and 20 years in prison and a $1 million fine for the conspiracy to import Ecstasy charge.

Man says he couldn't afford vet, killed dog

MA METHUEN — A Massachusetts man facing animal cruelty charges for allegedly killing his bulldog with a hammer told police the dog was sick and he could not afford to pay a veterinarian to put it down.

Charles Berube owned the dog, named Spot, for 10 years. Animal welfare investigators say the 53-year-old told them the animal had been sick for weeks and had lost a lot of weight. It had swollen legs and had trouble walking.

Berube says he did not want the animal to suffer and could not afford a veterinarian. He said he did not want to burden a shelter with the animal. It was killed last July.

Rainbow Family event results in citations

NM CUBA — Authorities have recorded more than 370 incidents, including 120 violation notices, in the past week as people flock to the Santa Fe National Forest for the Rainbow Family of Living Light's annual gathering.

The Rainbow Family is an informal group of self-styled hippies and peace activists that meets each year on public lands.

Forest officials said that 1,500 people participating in this year's gathering are camped in the Parque Venado area east of Cuba. In all, between 10,000 and 12,000 people are expected to attend the gathering from July 1-7.

Forest Service spokesman Lawrence Lujan says most of the violation notices handed out since June 14 are related to alcohol, and drug and traffic violations. Some of the people who were issued notices appeared in federal court in Albuquerque.

Lujan says officers will continue to monitor the event.

After 4 trials, 2 men get life for 2004 murder

MA BOSTON — Two men who were tried four times in the home invasion killing of a Boston woman and the shooting of her boyfriend have been sentenced to life in prison.

Quincy Butler was found guilty of first-degree murder and William Wood was convicted of second-degree murder after one mistrial and two hung juries.

A judge sentenced Butler to two consecutive life terms plus five years and sentenced Wood to life plus 20 years.

Prosecutors say the pair slashed the throat of Betsy Tripp, 49, after robbing her in 2004, then shot her boyfriend in the face and left him for dead when he tried to help her. The boyfriend barely survived.

Wood and Butler throughout their four trials had kept denying the charges.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Under this Virgo moon, the real heroes of the day are working behind the scenes. Be ready to acknowledge those whose contributions happen in an unassuming way. Also, ask yourself how you are helping the world run in an orderly fashion. Simply agreeing to decency and ethical conduct contributes to a high-functioning society.

Holiday Mathis

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 27). You give love your all this year and relationships thrive. As far as work goes, do not fall into the trap of thinking that the next job is "the one." The job at hand is "the one." Commit to it to the extreme. Turn in passionate work and opportunities are handed to you on a silver platter. An investment pays in September. Taurus and Scorpio adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You benefit from breaking drastically from your usual routine. When you are uncertain of your environment, you rely on the thing you are certain about — your purpose. You'll use it to navigate strange circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your motive is pure enough — you want the best for your loved ones. Be careful how you go about it. Many people around you will reach for the same thing you're trying to get. Consider whether there's an easier way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've made yourself a good life, though you may not realize just how good until you spend some time in someone else's world. So say "yes" to invitations that are sure to shift your perspective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ask questions. You have something in common with the person standing next to you in line, though you'll never know what it is unless you strike up a conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mother told you to be nice to everyone, and she was right. But you can't possibly have every single person in your inner circle. Be choosy. A more instinctual approach to friendship will serve you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Show someone new around your world. You'll go where you've been a million times, and yet you'll see it differently. You connect especially well with Sagittarius and Capricorn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing wrong with the usual way you do things, except that it's not an option now. A wrench has been thrown into the works and it's exactly what you needed. You'll have fun finding ways around the problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are determined to solve a problem and you'll do it quickly, provided it is yours to solve. If thing are not working out easily, walk away for a while. Give the problem's "real owner" a chance to step up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would prefer that people listen to you carefully and pay close attention to what you want. You'll spend most of the day listening and tending to others, but by the end of the day, your own needs will be met.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What makes you want to hug someone, and what makes you want to yell? You'll be more conscious of your personal triggers. Through this awareness, you can defuse the harmful ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a backward day. Being right is wrong. The so-called "correct" way to do things is outdated. What has worked for years isn't the best answer for this new era. Be adventurous and forge a new path.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things are getting too crowded in your neck of the universe. For each thing you buy, toss out two things. You need space to thrive. Your creativity kicks in just as soon as the clutter gets kicked out.

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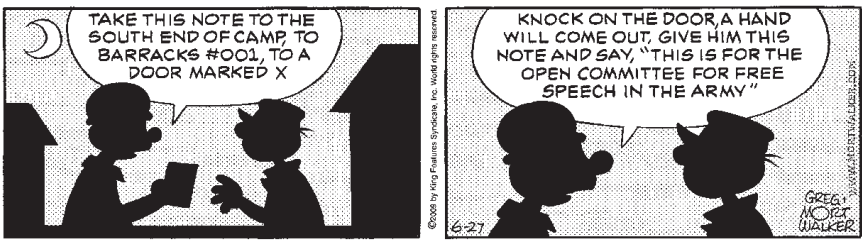

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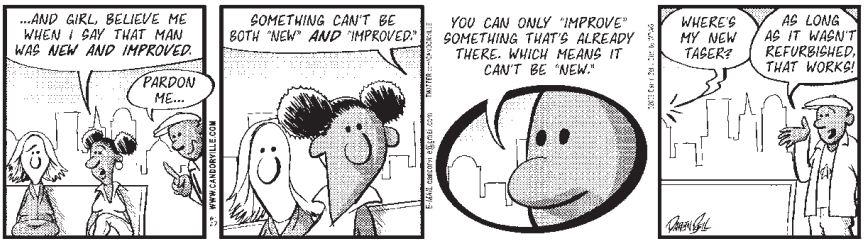

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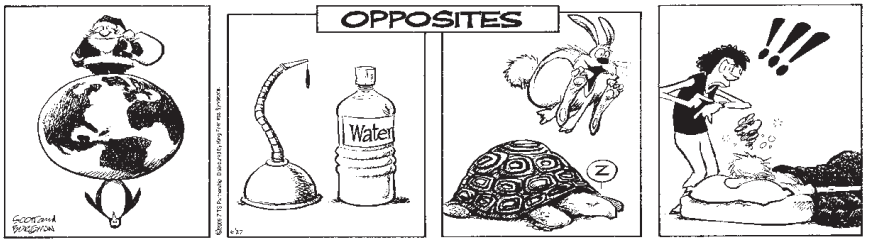

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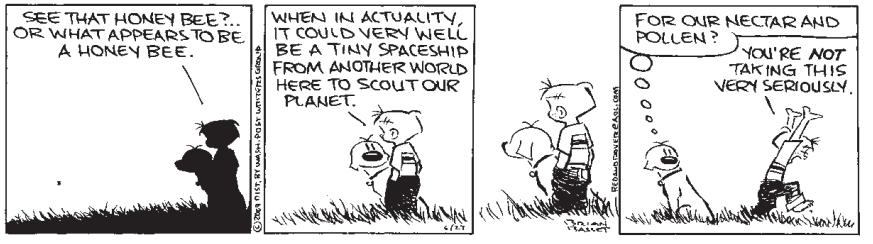

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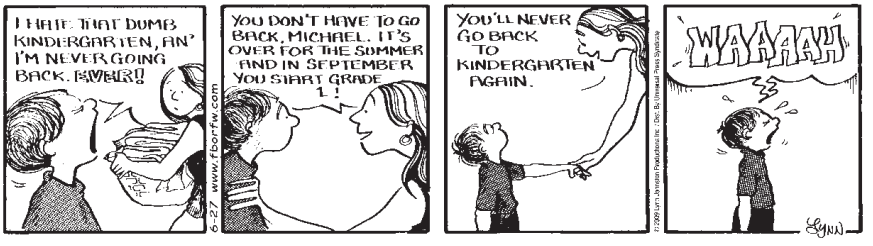

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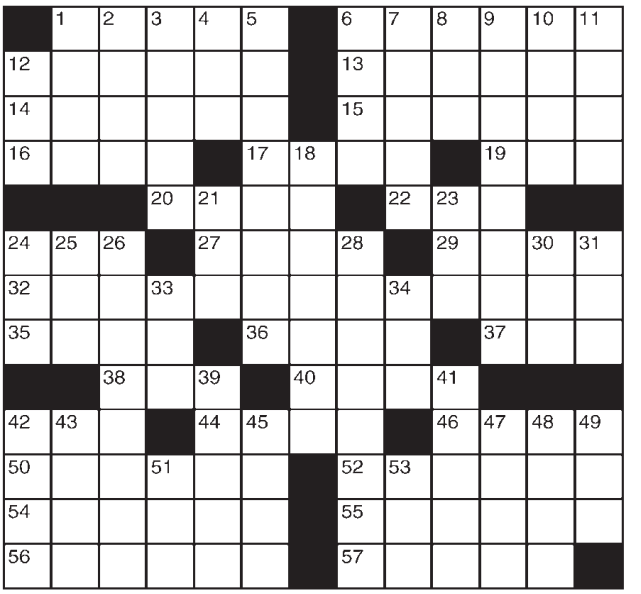

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24 Wield a needle
25 Geneticist's stuff
26 "I'm not lying!"
28 On the court's roster
30 Transp. letters
31 Doctrine
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34 "Golly!"
39 Diorama
41 Recoil a bit
42 Verve
43 Traditional tales
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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6-27 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVE YOU HEARD THE LEGENDARY STORY ABOUT THE TWO BEER BREWERS IN LOVE? IT HAD A HOPPY ENDING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals I

Friend must speak out on abuse

Dear Abby: I'm 10 years old and worried about my friend "Kelly." Her father has fought in two wars and suffers from PTSD, and when he loses it, he hits her.

I really want to tell someone who can help her, but she wants to "keep it a secret." I'm afraid if I tell, my best friend will get separated from her family. What should I do?

— Hoping to Help a Friend

Dear Hoping To Help: Some secrets are meant to be kept, but physical abuse isn't one of them. One of the saddest things about abuse is that the victims often come to believe they deserve it because that's what the abuser tells them (This is YOUR fault — YOU made me do this!).

Of course, when someone loses control, it isn't the victim's fault but rather the abuser's, because the abuser is unable to control his (or her) emotions.

There are worse things than being removed from a violent family situation, among them the risk of serious injury.

That's why it's important that you tell a trusted adult what's happening to Kelly.

This needs to be reported so her father can get the help he so desperately needs.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: In our school, we're not allowed to have our cell phones out or turned on, but of course, people do it anyway. Some of these students have extremely high-pitched ring tones.

They are at such a frequency that the older teachers cannot hear them.

Many adults do not hear the noise.

These "mosquito" tones hurt my ears, and just about everyone in the room cringes when someone gets a text message. I'm not sure what to do. The teachers are oblivious, and there are far too many cell phones out to report them all. Should I endure it until I graduate?

— Hating the Invisible Noise

Dear Hating The Noise: Have a private chat with the teacher, tell him or her what's going on, and explain that the tones are a distraction in class.

Then talk to some of the other students you see cringing when the "mosquitoes" start buzzing. If a number of you start visibly reacting to the noise, your teacher should notice and begin to take action.

P.S. Some electronics-savvy educators insist that all cell phones be placed on their desks when students enter the classroom.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NEW JUMBLE NINTENDO www.jumble.com/ds

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAZEL BLESS BALLAD TRUANT
Answer: When the astronauts were launched into orbit, they — HAD A "BLAST"

Pearls Before Swine

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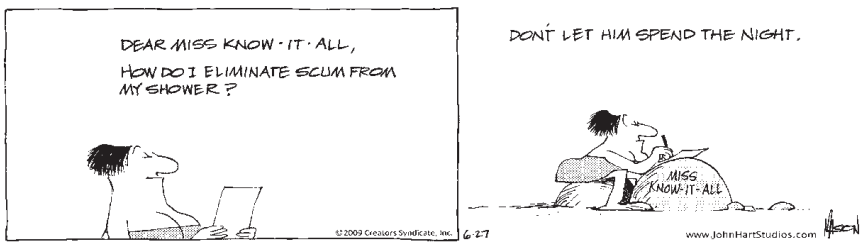

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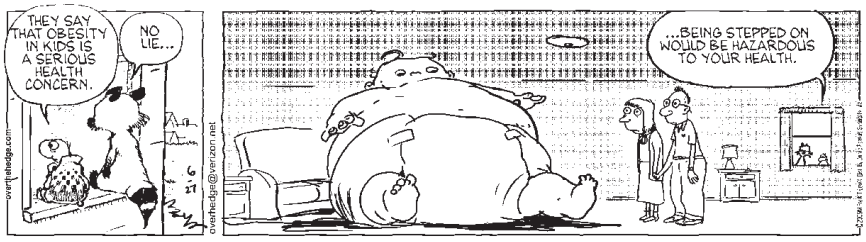

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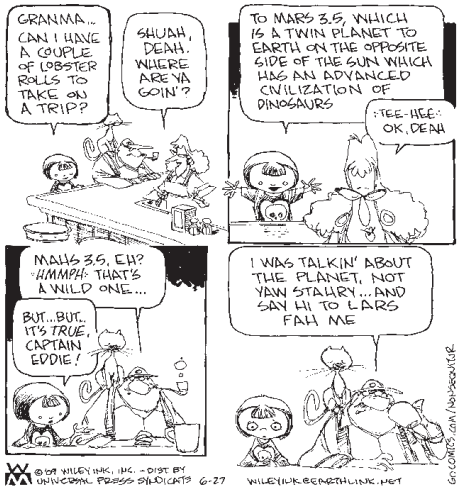

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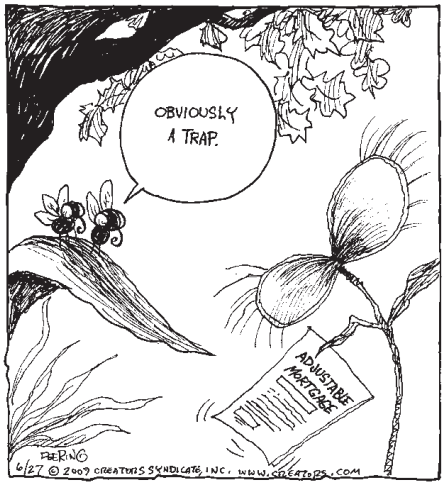

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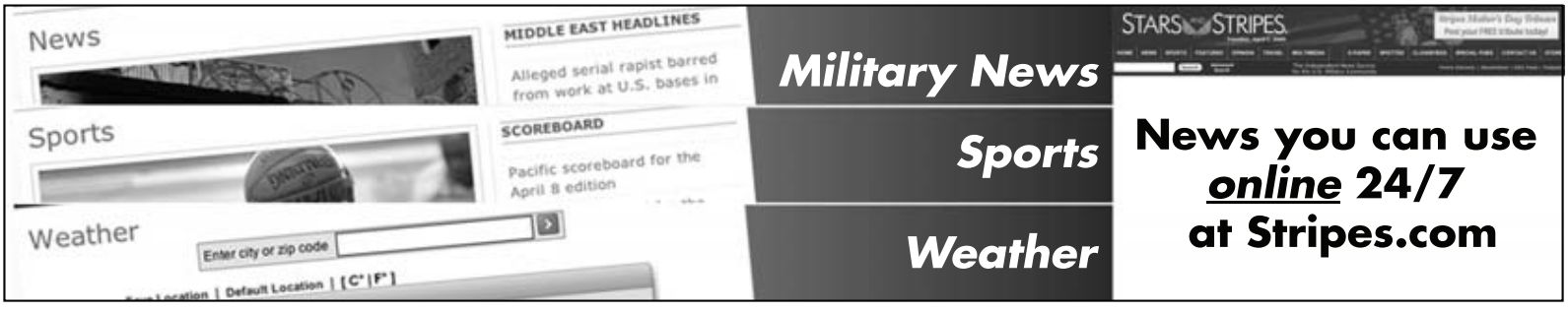
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	**CSI: Miami** A wealthy family's nanny turns up dead.	**Movie "Tarzan II"** (2005, Adventure) Voices of Harrison Chad, George Carlin.	**Movie "You Did What?"** (2006, Romance-Comedy) Ed Kerr, Kathy Wagner.	**The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer**	**The View**	**Recon Revisited**	**Mad About You**	**(8:30) NBA Draft**	**(8:00) Sports**
9:30						**State Dept Briefing**	**Living Single**		
10:00	**Oprah Winfrey**			**Hannity**	**Dr. Phil**	**Fit For Duty**	**Guiding Light**		
10:30		**Animaniacs**	**(:40) Movie "The Edge"** (1997, Adventure) Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin. A plane crash strands two rivals in the Alaskan wilderness.			**AFN Europe Report**			
11:00	**Dr. Phil**	**Scooby**		**Anderson Cooper 360**	**Judge Alex**	**Sun City Soldier**	**E! News**		**Sports**
11:30		**Scooby**			**The King of Queens**	**Fit For Duty**	**The Daily 10**		
12:00	**CBS Evening News**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**		**Special Report With Bret Baier**	**Access Hollywood**	**Battleground**	**Star Trek** "The Doomsday Machine"		
12:30	**ESPNews**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**			**Judge Judy**	**Around the Services**			
13:00	**Prime News Tonight**	**Ozzy & Drix**	**(12:50) Movie "The Big Chill"** (1983) William Hurt. A funeral reunites college friends from the 1960s.	**Campbell Brown**	**The Young and the Restless**	**Briefing Encore**	**Roseanne**	**SportsCenter**	
13:30		**WordGirl**				**Downrange**	**Girlfriends**		
14:00	**NBC Nightly News**	**Play With Me Sesame**		**Your World With Neil Cavuto**	**General Hospital**	**AFN Europe Report**	**Emeril Live**	**SportsCenter**	**Sports**
14:30	**World News-Gibson**	**Hi-5**				**Recon Revisited**			
15:00	**Sesame Street**	**The Brady Bunch**	**(2:50) Movie "Almost Famous"** (2000, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crudup, Frances McDormand, Kate Hudson.	**The Rachel Maddow Show**	**Days of our Lives**	**Fit For Duty**	**Running in Heels** Photo shoot in Mexico.	**SportsCenter**	
15:30		**That's So Raven**				**Battleground**			
16:00	**The View**	**Movie "James and the Giant Peach"** (1996, Fantasy) Voices of Paul Terry.		**Around the Services**	**Oprah Winfrey**	**Army Newswatch**	**Man vs. Wild** "Deserted Island" Pacific Ocean.	**Sports**	**MTV Hits Playlist**
16:30				**Tavis Smiley**		**EXchange on Air**			
17:00	**Dr. Phil**		**Behind the Scenes**	**Nightly Business Report**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**Around the Services**	**King of the Hill**		**X Play**
17:30		**SpongeBob SquarePants**	**The Big Tease**	**Nightline**	**Jeopardy!**	**Downrange**	**That '70s Show**		**Punk'd**
18:00	**Judge Alex**	**Duel Masters**	**What It Takes**	**The O'Reilly Factor**	**World News-Gibson**	**Today's Air Force**	**Daily Show-Jon Stewart**	**Baseball Tonight**	**The Simpsons**
18:30	**The King of Queens**	**Kim Possible**	**Entertainment Tonight**		**Around the Services**	**All Hands TV**	**The Colbert Report**		**Family Guy**
19:00	**Access Hollywood**	**Unfabulous**	**Movie "Ghost Rider"** (2007) Nicolas Cage. A motorcycle stuntman is a supernatural agent of vengeance.	**Countdown With Keith Olbermann**	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Swing"	**Briefing Encore**	**Scrubs** "My Last Words"	**SportsCenter**	**National Heads-Up Poker Championship**
19:30	**Judge Judy**	**True Jackson, VP**				**Fit For Duty**	**My Name Is Earl**		
20:00	**The Young and the Restless**	**Sonny With a Chance**		**Today**	**CSI: Miami** "And How Does That Make You Kill?"	**Battleground**	**Chuck** "Chuck Versus the Ex"	**Tennis** Wimbledon -- Early Round -- Day 5 (Cont'd). (Live)	**World Series of Poker**
20:30		**Wizards of Waverly Place**				**Recon Revisited**			
21:00	**General Hospital**	**Wildfire**	**(:04) Movie "Beauty Shop"** (2005) Queen Latifah. A determined hairstylist competes with her former boss.	**Today**	**America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back**	**Around the Services**	**Brothers & Sisters** "Do You Believe in Magic?"		**South Park**
21:30						**Pacific Report**			**South Park**
22:00	**Days of our Lives**	**Heroes** "Distractions"		**America's Newsroom**	**Pacific Report**	**Briefing Encore**	**Seinfeld**	**Tennis** Wimbledon -- Early Round -- Day 5 (Cont'd). (Live)	**Best Damn Sports Show Period**
22:30					**The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien**	**All Hands TV**	**Friends**		
23:00	**Oprah Winfrey**	**7th Heaven** "Now You See Me"	**(:02) Movie "Weird Science"** (1985) Kelly LeBrock.	**Newsroom**		**Today's Air Force**	**Daily Show-Jon Stewart**		**Attack of the Show!**
23:30					**Late Show-Letterman**	**Downrange**	**The Colbert Report**		

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009

00:00	**Wheel of Fortune**	**Unfabulous**	**(11:02) Movie "Weird Science"** (1985) Kelly LeBrock.	**MSNBC Live**	**Late Show-Letterman**	**Recon**	**Late Night With Jimmy Fallon**	**(10:00) Tennis** Wimbledon -- Early Round -- Day 5 (Cont'd). From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live)	**X Play**
00:30	**Jeopardy!**	**True Jackson, VP**			**The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson**	**Fit For Duty**			**Punk'd**
1:00	**Headline News**	**Sonny With a Chance**	**(12:51) Movie "No Way Out"** (1987) Kevin Costner. The Secretary of Defense makes a Pentagon aide lead a spy manhunt.	**Happening Now**		**The Grill Sergeants**	**Scrubs** "His Story IV"		**The Simpsons**
1:30	**ATS/AFN Report**	**Wizards of Waverly Place**			**Judge Judy**	**Around the Services**	**My Name Is Earl**		**Family Guy**
2:00	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Swing"	**Wildfire**		**Newsroom**	**CSI: Miami** "Guerillas in the Mist"	**Downrange**	**Desperate Housewives** "Liaisons"		**National Heads-Up Poker Championship**
2:30						**The American Veteran**			
3:00	**CSI: Miami** "And How Does That Make You Kill?"	**Heroes** "Distractions"	**(2:58) Movie "Ghost Rider"** (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage. A motorcycle stuntman is a supernatural agent of vengeance.	**MSNBC Live**	**Oprah Winfrey**	**EXchange on Air**	**Third Watch** "Run of the Mill"		**World Series of Poker**
3:30						**State Dept Briefing**			
4:00	**America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back**	**7th Heaven** "Now You See Me"		**Studio B With Shepard Smith**	**Dr. Phil**	**Battleground**	**Seinfeld** "The Smelly Car"		**South Park**
4:30						**Around the Services**	**Friends**		**South Park**
5:00	**Headline News**	**Barney & Friends**	**Movie "Beauty Shop"** (2005) Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone. A determined hairstylist competes with her former boss.	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer**	**Good Morning America**	**This Week in the Pentagon**	**Kiana's Flex Appeal**		**Best Damn Sports Show Period**
5:30	**The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien**	**Oobi**				**National Guard News**	**Denise Austin's Getting Fit**		
6:00		**Sesame Street**		**Glenn Beck**	**Good Morning America**	**Downrange**	**Easy Entertaining**	**Around the Horn**	**Attack of the Show!**
6:30	**Late Show With David Letterman**					**Around the Services**	**Ace of Cakes**	**Pardon the Interruption**	
7:00		**My Friend Rabbit**	**(6:57) Movie "Cast Away"** (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island.	**Around the Services**	**Dragon**	**Briefing Encore**	**Ultimate Goals**	**ESPNews**	**MTV Hits Playlist**
7:30	**The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson**	**Clifford's Puppy Days**		**NBC Nightly News**	**Ribert & Robert's**	**Downrange**		**ESPNews**	
8:00		**Ni Hao, Kai-lan**		**World News-Gibson**	**Sonic the Hedgehog**	**Fit For Duty**	**Clean House**	**MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	**Sports**
8:30	**Judge Judy**	**Mickey Mouse Clubhouse**		**CBS Evening News**	**Danny Phantom**	**Around the Services**			
9:00	**CSI: Miami** "Guerillas in the Mist"	**Sid the Science Kid**		**The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer**	**Entertainment Studios.com**	**Recon Revisited**	**MythBusters** "Crimes and Myth-Demeanors 1"		**Sports**
9:30		**Phineas and Ferb**	**(:38) Movie "Apollo 13"** (1995, Historical Drama) Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon. Based on the true story of the ill-fated 1970 moon mission.		**Criss Angel Mindfreak**	**State Dept Briefing**			
10:00	**Oprah Winfrey**	**The Buzz on Maggie**		**Hannity**	**Dogfights** "Dogfights of the Middle East" Six-Day War.	**Fit For Duty**	**Storm Chasers**		
10:30		**American Dragon: Jake Long**				**AFN Europe Report**			
11:00	**Dr. Phil**	**My Life as a Teenage Robot**		**Anderson Cooper 360**	**MLB Baseball** Colorado Rockies at Oakland Athletics. From Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. (Live)	**This Week in the Pentagon**	**Dirty Jobs** Handmade bricks; cranberry farming.	**Baseball Tonight**	
11:30		**Static Shock**				**Fit For Duty**			
12:00	**CBS Evening News**	**Teen Kids News**	**(:10) Movie "Donnie Brasco"** (1997, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp. A mob lackey unknowingly takes an FBI agent under his wing.	**Special Report With Bret Baier**		**Battleground**	**Latin Lifestyles**	**SportsCenter**	**Sports**
12:30	**ESPNews**	**Grossology**				**Around the Services**	**Urban Style**		
13:00	**NBC Nightly News**	**Out There**		**Campbell Brown**		**FNG** Useful benefits.	**Designed to Sell**	**Baseball Tonight**	
13:30	**World News-Gibson**	**Planet's Funniest Animals**				**Army Newswatch**	**Tyler's Ultimate**	**NFL Live**	
14:00	**Dragon**	**Faithful Friends**		**Your World With Neil Cavuto**	**Access Hollywood**	**AFN Europe Report**	**The Next Food Network Star** "Dinner At Ina's"	**SportsCenter**	
14:30	**Ribert & Robert's**	**Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files**	**(:28) Movie "The Bridges of Madison County"** (1995) Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep. A photographer and an Iowa farm wife share a brief romance.			**The Grill Sergeants**			
15:00	**Sonic the Hedgehog**	**Animal Miracles** "Crash Site Dog"		**The Rachel Maddow Show**	**Deadliest Catch** "Friends and Rivals"	**Fit For Duty**	**Eureka** "Many Happy Returns"	**SportsCenter**	**Sports**
15:30	**Danny Phantom**					**Battleground**			
16:00	**Naruto**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**		**Around the Services**	**Law & Order** "Talking Points"	**Ft. Hood on Track**	**Stargate Atlantis** "The Tower"	**Sports**	**MTV Hits Playlist**
16:30	**Darcy's Wild Life**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**		**Tavis Smiley**		**This Week in the Pentagon**			
17:00	**Entertainment Studios.com**	**Bindi the Jungle Girl**	**Movie "Desert Bloom"** (1986, Drama) Jon Voight, JoBeth Williams, Ellen Barkin. A teen comes of age in 1950s Las Vegas.	**Nightly Business Report**	**Extreme Makeover: Home Edition** "Vitale Family"	**Recon**	**King of the Hill**		**Top 20 Countdown**
17:30	**Criss Angel Mindfreak**	**Lemur Kingdom**		**Nightline**		**Recon Revisited**	**That '70s Show**		
18:00	**Dogfights** "Dogfights of the Middle East" Six-Day War.	**The Universe** Stars that exist beyond the Milky Way.		**The O'Reilly Factor**	**World News-Gibson**	**Army Newswatch**	**The King of Queens**		**Top 20 Countdown**
18:30					**ESPNews**	**This Week in the Pentagon**	**Everybody Loves Raymond**		
19:00	**Access Hollywood**	**So You Think You Can Dance** Top 16 dancers perform.	**Movie "Transformers"** (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	**Countdown With Keith Olbermann**	**Law & Order** "Lucky Stiff"	**The Grill Sergeants**	**My Boys** "Carpe Burritoem"		**ECW**
19:30						**Fit For Duty**	**How I Met Your Mother**		
20:00	**Deadliest Catch** "Friends and Rivals"			**Today**	**Leverage** "The Bank Shot Job"	**Battleground**	**The Unit** "Sex Trade" The team finds a sex smuggler.		**WWE SmackDown!**
20:30						**Balad and Beyond**			
21:00	**Law & Order** "Talking Points"	**Dawson's Creek** "Dance"	**(:41) Movie "Orange County"** (2002, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Jack Black, Catherine O'Hara.		**48 Hours Mystery** CSI actress becomes a murder victim.	**All Hands TV**	**Prison Break** "Shut Down"		
21:30						**Pacific Report**			
22:00	**Law & Order** "Lucky Stiff"	**(9:55) Movie "Spider-Man"** (2002) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe. A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers.		**MSNBC Live**	**Headline News**	**Army Newswatch**	**Saturday Night Live**	**Sports**	**Best Damn Sports Show Period**
22:30					**American Dad**	**Today's Air Force**			
23:00	**Leverage** "The Bank Shot Job"		**(:15) Movie "Fletch"** (1985, Comedy) Chevy Chase.	**Bulls and Bears**	**'Til Death** "The Colleague"	**Recon**			**Attack of the Show!**
23:30				**Cavuto on Business**	**The War at Home**	**This Week in the Pentagon**	**Austin City Limits**		



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Yokosuka - 00 Jaguar S-type. Everything is current until 2011. Very well maintained, Many custom parts. Car is US spec so you can take with you when you PCS. $9,000/OBO call Eddie at 0805540275 2 or mrjamaica84@yahoo.com for pics/details

Yokosuka - 1995 Cadillac Eldorado, Great shape, very well maintained! Fully optioned! 54,000 original miles! $3,500 OBO. Call Greg at 090-9676-8201.

Yokota - 1994 Nissan Skyline, Two Door, JCI - Jan 2010, Road Tax Apr 2010. Asking $750. If interested please call Mike at 763-354-3551

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Fairlady z JCI 8/09 3500 firm I have had this car for 6 months and I am selling it to buy an engagement. The car is a lot of fun. Twin turbo w/ turbo timer rebuilt engine, only 20000 kilometers on it. Good A/C and heat, Radio with aux port. JCI until Aug.2009 Asking $3500 Call 16469579373 or email john_niola@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Serena van for sale. This van has no radio, speedometer isn't working right and A/C is not working, but other than that. It is a good van runs great. Road tax paid. We are PCS'ing on 19th Jun, so we will negotiate if we can drive till that time. JCI until May 2010 Asking $ 500 OBO Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry Great car for sale. 4-door, color Beige. No problems and runs great. JCI until Feb. 2010 asking $1000 for more information call 1-323-338-7500 after 5pm

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Honda prelude, this prelude is very clean and mechanically sound. I have documentation on all maintenance performed on the vehicle since I have been the owner (2005). The last preventative maintenance was timing belt and water pump replacement. Runs great as the VTEC engine still produces plenty of power with low mileage for a 1994 model (78,600 mile). JCI until Aug. 2010 asking $2250 OBO you must see and drive this one to believe. Call 916473447 2 or email jim.percy65@gmail.com for a test drive today!

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio Must Sell! Newly JCI'd 4door is in great condition. Tires recently replaced, COLD A/C, auto transmission, power windows. Asking $1500 willing to negotiate on price Call 080-3241-6736 or email rtype127@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. 4 cylinders, runs great Automatic transmission, Power locks & windows, Working A/C and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. Non-smoker Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so, JCI is good until June 2011. Asking $1400 OBO It is currently on the Lemon Lot # 30. Please call 443-283-0661 (Vonage - off base); unq.one@gmail.com; Ask for Greg on base: 313-347-1030.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Mitsubishi Chariot Great, Reliable Family Car. Good A/C. Burgundy. Seats 7 72K JCI until November 2009 Asking $2500 OBO Call 080-3479-4570

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w/ sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 56,800km low miles never had any problems with the car, just updated JCI for 2years everything is up to date. Every annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well new rear tires. Asking $2,200 OBO located in Yokosuka if interested pls. call 241-2392.

Yokota, Japan - "2 YRS JCI" 1996 4 DR Toyota Corolla Just JCI'd Silver, Auto Trans, Power windows, Auto headlights, COLD A/C. Runs great! Only has 77k/kilo. This is a very reliable car only asking $1500. JCI until 9 May 09 Asking $1500 OBO Call 080-3241-6736 or email rtype127@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 91 Toyota Estima Very Reliable! Power windows/locks, sun-roof, moon-roof, AC/Heat front & rear, new tires (x4), Captain chairs/swivel seats, cool/hot drink box, Sonar sensor, AM/FM/cassette player JCI until June 2010 Asking $2100 OBO Call Anne Cournover 080-3241-4347

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Yokota, Japan - 93 Skyline Turbo only 45000 km JCI 2011! You didn't read it wrong! Very clean, minor dents and scratches, smooth running & well maintained! 2dr cold A/C/pw/pl/ps good tires! JCI paid! Road tax paid! I would buy it if I didn't already have it! JCI until March 2011 asking $3500 OBO call 090-98174-006 or email smithvee@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - '96 Honda Legend Very clean, Japanese navigation system/TV. JCI until April 2010, asking $2000 Call 901-273-9893 or email robnshanjap@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Cheapest fully Loaded Nissan Brougham - Just take only 1 previous owner, clean body and interior, keyless lock, hydraulic seats, less than 50k miles, pearl white with gray upholstery interior, just changed all 4 sets of tires, 17inch chrome wheels. JVC dual din 7.5inch DVD player with IPod connectivity also plays SD card media, 1200 watt JVC subwoofer. Speaker system is original gold plated Kenwood high end speakers. Road tax paid. I am only selling this car because I need a van for a bigger family. Price is negotiable, includes over $1200 worth of stereo equipment, currently parked at the lemon lot, call me and let's go for test drive - 090-1793-3079. JCI until June 2010 asking $3200 OBO call 080-4082-9906 or email chrisanba@gmail.com

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Zama - 1996 Honda CRV, very clean body/bluegreen & runs smooth low mileage 74000km/45000miles well maintained no problems a/c works real good JCI exp Jan 2011 road tax paid..$3500. 09042470384 or 08033453841

Zama - 95 Nissan Primera (Infinti G20), 48,000 km, new tires, brakes, and battery. Equipped with Japanese Navigation Device. Good A/C, no dents, and top mechanical condition. JCI until March 2011. Road tax paid. Available after 1 July. $1200.00 John - 263-7069(W) or 263-7403 (H).

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Zama - 1996 Nissan Cedric, 4DR, silver, 115,000K, AC, keyless entry, Road tax paid, JCI expires Feb 2011, excellent condition, digital odometer, speedometer, and AC control. Asking for $2300, OBO. Available JULY please contact Fern at 267-6553, or 09035797126, email bigfernpsa2002@yahoo.com.

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Yokota, Japan - Changing table I am looking for a changing table for a cheap price. I'm having my first baby and we're a little tight on the budget. I found changing tables at the Amazon.com but they're a little expensive for me. Preferable price for me is around $30-$50 but we can negotiate on the price, depending on the quality and design of the table. Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com Thanks!

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - 2 New Era NY Hats I have 2 good condition New Era NY hats. 1 is Blue W/ white Pin stripes the other is light Brown. I have only worn them a couple of times. Both are size 7 ¼ for 1 you can get it for $15 or get both for $30! Call Ryan 08067835117 or email rmh_00@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Magic 32 Shoes Size 9.5 in good condition only used when going to the gym. White & Blue Asking $20 Call 080-6783-5117 or email rmh_00@hotmail.com

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - huge box filled w/ woman's clothing must sell immediately b 4 l leave. Only serious buyers call me. I have put together a huge box filled w/ really nice woman's clothing / shoes. They are all really nice. Some were never worn. Name brands: Eddie Bauer, LLBEAN, mossimo, Sonoma, ked, lees, Nike, and so much more. Sizes range from s, m, l, XL, maybe an xxl--10, 12, 14, 16. There are clothes for all seasons, work-out attire, work clothes, and much more. This huge, heavy box-all for only $60.00-there is a huge amount--this is a great way to save money. Either buy for yourself, or perhaps share w/ friends. (I paid $60 for one pair of Capri's in this box, so this is truly a great deal). Angela 916-473-4488

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Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota Japan - Air conditioner, CHOFU Sereno - Energy Efficient. Japanese Remote bought for $1200 2 years ago. Sell for $400. Please call Jaimee 090-8915-4154 or email jaimeet82@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - White, like new, Japanese style microwave purchased 6 months ago for sale for $35.00. Priced to move Contact Keith at 09086689480 or email keithwms@hotmail.com for photo.

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - large bag filled w/ great kitchen items must sell now: I have put together a huge, heavy bag filled w/ different kitchen items that I never used, used just a few times, or have had for a long time, but kept in great shape. This bag includes brand names: le Cresset, OXO, Tupperware, pampered chef, and much, much more! This whole bag is priced to sell immediately: $35 for all-amazing deal. So sorry, I do not have any pictures. Serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. If I'm not home, please leave your name w/ good contact number so I may return your call. Thank you.

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - really nice full/queen bedding set this set was taken excellent care of, very clean, was taken to the cleaners. I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be--asking $160. Must sell b 4 l leave. I think this set is really nice. It has the natural, neutral browns w/ an accent of soft blue. Chenille/-sued trim will match about any decor. it will include: comforter, best fit sheet set, decorative pillows, bed skirt, extra soft blanket, set of 2 curtain panels, set of 2 curtain tie backs, valance, set of 2 shams, and much more. Curtains can be hung on curtain rod, or on sliders. Really nice set only serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. Must sell immediately if not home, please leave message. Thank you.

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Sony 29" TV (Japanese) - works perfectly fine. Selling because we are buying a newer TV Stand available (for free) if you need one asking $75 OBO Call 225-7917

Yokota, Japan - Toshiba Black DVD player for sale! Remote and batteries Included but the cover on the back of the remote for the batteries is missing. DVD player is in good shape asking $40 Please email lilred6290@yahoo.com

Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Shane Co Men's Bracelet Stainless Steel 14K It has never been worn and is in good condition it was just too big for me. (8") Asking $40 Call 080-6783-5117 or email rmh_00@hotmail.com

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Ovation acoustic/electric guitar w/Ovation Hard case Ovation Pinnacle model: CU-147 w/Ovation hard case 6-String Acoustic/Electric Body Type: Mid-Depth Cutaway Top: AA Grade Solid Sitka Spruce Bracing: A-Brace Scale Length: Scale: 25 1/4 Fret board: Dark Rosewood Fret Inlay: Abalone Dot Inlays Bridge: Walnut Rosette: Abalone Pickup: Ovation Thin line Nut width: 1 11/16 Machines: Gold with Pearl Buttons Great guitar would like to purchase another electric. Asking $450 Call 090-8054-5806 or email steelcity75@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Back yard Fence for East side guard house for the end units, great condition-come and see it- 4529 E-you have to remove and transfer it. Asking $700 Please call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

Pets 820

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Pets 820

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Yokota, Japan - 10 Month old kitty needs love my husband is going on Deployment and I don't have a lot of time to give to our cat. She is up to date on shots and has been fixed and microchip! Comes with a bunch of toys, cat condo, scratch in post, bed, litter box, plenty of food and treats please email ms_lulu_84@yahoo.com we have plenty of pictures

Yokota, Japan - 3yr Old Female Beagle Very loving and great with kids, house broken, loves to go for long walks and run, will also run along side of a bike. Micro chipped, and shots up to date as of last week. 4 month old daughter has allergies Asking $200 Call 6237349658 or email kbernard@armed-svc.com

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Pets 820

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Miscellaneous 1040

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Yokota, Japan - DVD Movies-$3.50 each or all for $35: First Daughter w/ Katie Holmes The Patriot, extended cut w/ Mel Gibson Barbie & the Nutcracker Ladder 49 w/ Joaquin Phoenix & John Travolta Fantastic 4-part 1 Fantastic 4-PART 2 Akeelah & the Bee Like Mike (kids basketball movie) Storm Cell (new release) Iron Man We Were Soldiers music CD'S-$2.50 each or all for $8.00: Another Cinderella Story Soundtrack Ladder 49 Soundtrack Now 25 Disney Channel Holiday Disney Jump-In Soundtrack Must go now. Call 916-473-4488

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - Huge boxes w/ Scrapbooking/organizers I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be. Must sell immediately b 4 l leave. I am asking $260 for all-firm. This is a huge set I have put together! I just put together 2-huge boxes filled w/ misc. scrapbooks, extra scrapbook pages, scrapbooking items (papers, stickers, cutters, and much, much more), purple cow arts-n-crafts set w/ accessories, tons and tons of different storage items-great for scrapbooking, or, use the storage containers for organizing different areas in your home, rolling organizers, and much, much, much more. I ask that only serious buyers contact me. If I am not home, please leave a message 916-473-4488.

Yokota, Japan - Yard Sale 14 & 21 June 2009 Rain or sun 09:00 Girls/Boys Clothing ages 2-6 inflatable pool w slide-almost new toys children's book arts and craft / scrap book items Japanese humidifier (the best in market) DVDs Candle Accessories from Yankee Candles furniture handmade Turkish Jewelry costume jewelry kids/toddler winter jackets from LL Bean/Land's End and more. Great items Call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

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Wimbledon

V. Williams gets support

By Steven Wine
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Even on one good leg, Venus Williams is tough to beat at Wimbledon.

The five-time champion, wearing a strap on her left knee, advanced to the third round by beating Kateryna Bondarenko 6-3, 6-2.

The tournament favorite, Williams has been hampered by knee trouble in the past, but there was no indication of a problem this week until she walked onto sunny Court 1 on Thursday bandaged from mid-calf to mid-thigh.

Williams let out a yelp when she appeared to pull up on a backhand in the third game, perhaps because of the knee. Otherwise she moved across the grass freely, charging forward to pounce on short balls. She won 17 points at the net to two for Bondarenko.

Williams was coy about the reason for the tape.

"Just for support," she said twice in response to questions.

Pressed about what was wrong with her knee, she said: "What happened was that I needed some support, and then I went and got the support, and then I wore it in the match. I'll be wearing it in doubles, too. So it's working out. I mean, I think all the players might start wearing it because it's so supportive."

Williams wore the strap again later when she and sister Serena beat Virginie Razzano and Aravane Rezai in doubles 6-3, 6-3.

In men's play, two-time runner-up Andy Roddick lost serve only once and defeated Igor Kunitsyn 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

"It was comfortable most of the time," Roddick said. "I played my best set by far in the fourth set."

He'll next play Jurgen Melzer, the Wimbledon boys champion in 1999. Roddick has won their eight previous meetings.

On Court 7, qualifier Jesse Levine of Boca Raton, Fla., reached the third round of a major event for the first time by beating Pablo Cuevas 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Lleyton Hewitt, who won Wimbledon in 2002, beat fifth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro 6-3, 7-5, 7-5. Hewitt broke an 11-match losing streak against top-five players.

"I love playing in England," the Australian said. "It feels like a second home, really."

No. 3 Andy Murray, trying to become the first British man since 1936 to win Wimbledon, defeated Ernests Gulbis 6-2, 7-5, 6-3. Fabrice Santoro, who plans to retire at the end of the year, was eliminated from his 14th Wimbledon when he lost to former No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, 6-7 (1), 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Joining Venus Williams in the women's third round was French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, who beat Pauline Parmentier 6-1, 6-3 in 59 minutes. The French Open runner-up, top-ranked Dinara Safina, beat Rossana de Los Rios 6-3, 7-5.

Last year's French Open winner, 13th-seeded Ana Ivanovic, beat Sara Errani 7-5, 6-1; No. 17 Amelie Mauresmo, the 2006 Wimbledon champion, beat Kristina Kucova 6-3, 6-3; and No. 18 Samantha Stosur, a French Open semifinalist this month, beat qualifier Tatjana Malek 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Safina and Kuznetsova criticized the court assignments. Kuznetsova was on Court 3 and Safina and former top-ranked players Ivanovic, Mauresmo and Jelena Jankovic were also on smaller courts.

"Of course it's not fair," Safina said. "Hopefully next match I'll play on bigger court."

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American Andy Roddick eyes a shot from Igor Kunitsyn during their second-round match at Wimbledon on Thursday. Roddick won 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Wimbledon

Thursday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England
Purse: $20.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Tomas Berdych (20), Czech Republic, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Jurgen Melzer (26), Austria, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (1).

Victor Hanescu (31), Romania, def. Nicolas Devilder, France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-3, 7-5, 7-5.

Gilles Simon (8), France, def. Thiago Alves, Brazil, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Marc Gicquel, France, 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 5-7, 6-4.

Andy Roddick (6), United States, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 4-6, 7-6 (13), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-0.

David Ferrer (16), Spain, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Nikolay Davydenko (12), Russia, def. Victor Crivoi, Romania, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Fabrice Santoro, France, 6-7 (1), 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, def. Martin Vassallo Arguello, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Fernando Gonzalez (10), Chile, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Jesse Levine, United States, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Radek Stepanek (23), Czech Republic, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Viktor Troicki (30), Serbia, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 7-6 (5), 0-6, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Women
Second Round

Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-1, 6-3.

Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Patricia Mayr, Austria, 6-2, 6-4.

Samantha Stosur (18), Australia, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Venus Williams (3), United States, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2.

Agnieszka Radwanska (11), Poland, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 9-7.

Li Na (19), China, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4, 6-2.

Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Rossana de Los Rios, Paraguay, 6-3, 7-5.

Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 7-5, 6-1.

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 7-5, 6-1.

Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 6-0, 6-4.

Amelie Mauresmo (17), France, def. Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.

Anabel Medina Garrigues (20), Spain, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Flavia Pennetta (15), Italy, def. Vania King, United States, 6-2, 6-2.

Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

Melanie Oudin, United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Top: U.S. responds to critics with win

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firing and accused the U.S. players of lacking heart. Part of the backlash stemmed from the U.S. squad's incompetent, flat showing in the 2006 World Cup. That '06 unit wasn't coached by Bradley, but it didn't matter. Tempers were short. With the U.S. prepping for next year's World Cup, any man coaching the U.S. would face considerable heat.

The problem: Will the U.S. ever establish consistency?

What happened to the hopes inspired in 2002, when the U.S. made it all the way to the quarterfinals of the World Cup?

Why did the U.S. seemingly lose so much ground in 2006?

The early play in South Africa was just the latest reason to doubt the potency of U.S. soccer. And the U.S. team picked up on that ominous long-distance vibe.

The domination of Egypt was a nice response. But next up was No. 1 Spain, which had won its last 15 international matches as part of a 35-game unbeaten streak. Spain's speedy, creative and controlling midfield was supposed to be the vortex of the cyclone that would blow the U.S. away.

"We knew we had to fight and scrap to keep our heads above water," Sorber said.

"This team had been criticized for its play. Maybe we don't have the best players in the world, but you have to know what you are building on the inside and have confidence that progress is being made. This has been a process for three years. And we are convinced that we have been building the right way."

The U.S. doesn't have many opportunities to take on one of soccer's world kingpins, so this was a monumental accomplishment. Where does it rank?

This one surely belongs with 2002 World Cup victories over Portugal and Mexico, the 1994 World Cup victory over Colombia, and the 1998 defeat of Brazil in the Gold Cup. But does this really match what the U.S. pulled off in 1950?

Extra prestige points are awarded for success in a World Cup, and this wasn't a World Cup. But still ...

"It's a historic moment for U.S. soccer," said Dan Donigan, the head soccer coach at St. Louis U. "That was a big win in 1950, and there have been some big wins in between, but this is a major tournament, and the U.S. made it to the final after overcoming the odds and surviving some of the greatest teams in the world in their group — Brazil, Italy and Egypt. A tougher group than they'll see in the World Cup next year.

"And they made it to the final by conquering Spain, the No. 1 team in the world, a team that had not lost internationally for a very long time. With all due respect for the 1950 team, to me this one ranks at the top."

Wednesday, I wasn't able to reach St. Louis soccer icon Harry Keough, a member of that celebrated '50 squad. But his son, Ty Keough — another STL soccer legend — filled me in on his father's thoughts.

"He's very excited," Ty Keough said. "He wouldn't want to take anything away from the U.S. team's accomplishment because they beat the No. 1 team in the world. He did say that the only difference probably is the amount of resources that have gone into preparing this U.S. team, compared to 1950. Which gives them maybe a little better chance at these kind of results. But he also said the guys won this game by 2-0, which is even more convincing than the 1-0 upset that the U.S. team was able to pull off in 1950."

It's a fun discussion, and we can agree on this much:

"It's a great day for American soccer," Donigan said.

"This is a tremendous story. And it's opened a lot of eyes around the world."

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: Kansas City at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Pacific, 9 a.m.-MLB: Colorado at Oakland.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Seattle at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Boston at Atlanta (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-Tennis: Wimbledon, Day 6.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.—MLB: Minnesota at St. Louis.
AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Tennis: Wimbledon, Day 6.
AFN-Xtra, 4 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Camping World 200.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-MLB: Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox.
AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets.
AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.-MLS: New York at Columbus.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-MLB: San Diego at Texas.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Seattle at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Golf: PGA Travelers Champions, third round (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-MLS: Toronto at Salt Lake (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 6 p.m.-MLB: Boston at Atlanta (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m.-MLB: Florida at Tampa Bay (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-Boxing: Chris John vs. Rocky Juarez for John's WBA featherweight title; Marcos Rene Maidana vs. Victor Ortiz, junior welterweights (dld).
AFN-Xtra, midnight-Auto racing: IndyCar SunTrust Indy Challenge (dld).

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Basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	4	1	.800	—
Indiana	4	2	.667	½
Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Connecticut	3	3	.500	1½
Atlanta	3	4	.429	2
New York	2	4	.333	2½
Detroit	1	4	.200	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	5	2	.714	—
Minnesota	5	3	.625	½
Phoenix	5	3	.625	½
San Antonio	2	3	.400	2
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	2½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3½

Tuesday's games
Chicago 99, Atlanta 98, OT
San Antonio 91, Phoenix 87
Minnesota 69, New York 57
Wednesday's games
No games scheduled
Thursday's game
Phoenix at Washington

Boxing

Fight schedule

June 27

At Windhoek, Namibia, Paulus Moses, Namibia, vs. Verquan Kimbrough, Pittsburgh, 12, for Moses' WBA lightweight title.

At Berlin, Germany, Arthur Abraham, Germany, vs. Mahir Oral, Germany, 12, for Abraham's IBF middleweight title; Frank Shabani, Germany, vs. Leonard Bundu, Italy, 12, for Bundu's European Union welterweight title; Sebastian Sylvester, Germany, vs. Lajuan Simon, Philadelphia, 12, for Sylvester's IBF International middleweight title; Enad Licina, Germany, vs. Ignacio Esparza, Mexico, 12, for Licina's IBF Inter-Continental cruiserweight title.

At London, Andreas Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title; Matthew Hall, Britain, vs. Anthony Small, Britain, 12, for Hall's Commonwealth junior middleweight title.

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Juan Manuel Lopez, Puerto Rico, vs. Olivier Lontchi, Canada, 12, for Lopez's WBO super bantamweight title; Yuri Foreman, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Cornelius Bundrage, Detroit, 12, IBF junior middleweight eliminator; Jorge Arce, Mexico, vs. Fernando Lumacad, Philippines, 12, super flyweights; Vanes Martirosyan, Glendale, Calif., vs. Andrey Tsurkan, Bronx, N.Y., 10, junior middleweights.

At Tamaulipas, Mexico, Jorge Linares, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA super featherweight title.

At Quintana Roo, Mexico, Juan Jose Landaeta, Venezuela, vs. Francisco Rosas, Mexico, 12, for the vacant interim WBA light flyweight title; Koki Kameda, Japan, vs. Omar Salado, Mexico, 12, for the interin WBA flyweight title.

At Staples Center, Los Angeles, Victor Ortiz, Oxnard, Calif., vs. Marcos Maidana, Argentina, 12, for the interim WBA light welterweight title.

Baseball

College World Series

At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
Saturday, June 13
Arkansas 10, Cal State Fullerton 6
LSU 9, Virginia 5
Sunday, June 14
Arizona State 5, North Carolina 2, 10 innings
Texas 7, Southern Mississippi 6
Monday, June 15
Virginia 7, Cal State Fullerton 5, Cal State Fullerton eliminated
LSU 9, Arkansas 1
Tuesday, June 16
North Carolina 11, Southern Mississippi 4, Southern Miss. eliminated
Texas 10, Arizona State 6
Wednesday, June 17
Arkansas 4, Virginia 3, 12 innings, Virginia eliminated
Thursday, June 18
Arizona State 12, North Carolina 5, North Carolina eliminated
Friday, June 19
LSU 14, Arkansas 5, Arkansas eliminated
Texas 4, Arizona State 3, Arizona State eliminated
Championship Series
Best-of-three
Monday: LSU 7, Texas 6, 11 innings
Tuesday: Texas 5, LSU 1
Wednesday: LSU 11, Texas 4, LSU wins series 2-1

Golf

World ranking

Through June 21

1. Tiger Woods	USA	10.51
2. Phil Mickelson	USA	8.59
3. Paul Casey	Eng	6.96
4. Sergio Garcia	Esp	6.40
5. Henrik Stenson	Swe	6.13
6. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	6.03
7. Kenny Perry	USA	5.54
8. Steve Stricker	USA	5.43
9. Vijay Singh	Fji	5.11
10. Jim Furyk	USA	4.95
11. Padraig Harrington	Irl	4.75
12. Camilo Villegas	Col	4.67
13. Sean O'Hair	USA	4.45
14. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.35
15. Anthony Kim	USA	3.96
16. Rory McIlroy	NIr	3.81
17. Ian Poulter	Eng	3.81
18. Lucas Glover	USA	3.71
19. Ernie Els	SAf	3.65
20. Lee Westwood	Eng	3.62
21. Zach Johnson	USA	3.60
22. Ross Fisher	Eng	3.57
23. Mike Weir	Can	3.52
24. Luke Donald	Eng	3.35
25. Retief Goosen	SAf	3.32
26. Stewart Cink	USA	3.30
27. Martin Kaymer	Ger	3.22
28. Angel Cabrera	Arg	3.20
29. Tim Clark	SAf	3.17
30. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.15
31. Ben Curtis	USA	3.09
32. Rory Sabbatini	SAf	3.01
33. Nick Watney	USA	3.01
34. Justin Leonard	USA	2.92
35. Robert Allenby	Aus	2.82
36. Brian Gay	USA	2.79
37. Soren Kjeldsen	Den	2.78
38. David Toms	USA	2.77
39. Jeev Milkha Singh	Ind	2.73
40. Shingo Katayama	Jpn	2.66
41. Hunter Mahan	USA	2.65
42. K.J. Choi	Kor	2.56
43. Miguel A Jimenez	Esp	2.55
44. Adam Scott	Aus	2.51
45. Dustin Johnson	USA	2.49
46. Graeme McDowell	NIr	2.44
47. Trevor Immelman	SAf	2.43
48. Justin Rose	Eng	2.42
49. Oliver Wilson	Eng	2.38
50. Stephen Ames	Can	2.37
51. Davis Love-III	USA	2.37
52. Chad Campbell	USA	2.36
53. Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	Esp	2.22
54. Thongchai Jaidee	Tha	2.20
55. Soren Hansen	Den	2.18
56. Kevin Sutherland	USA	2.16
57. Mathew Goggin	Aus	2.14
58. Prayad Marksaeng	Tha	2.14
59. J.B. Holmes	USA	2.11
60. Ben Crane	USA	2.09
61. Louis Oosthuizen	SAf	2.07
62. Pat Perez	USA	2.06
63. Aaron Baddeley	Aus	2.05
64. Charl Schwartzel	SAf	2.04
65. Andres Romero	Arg	1.98
66. Peter Hanson	Swe	1.95
67. Anders Hansen	Den	1.93

Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Jordan Henry, INF Casey Frawley and INF Greg Folgia. Assigned RHP Greg Aquino outright to Columbus (IL). Traded 1B Michael Aubrey to Baltimore for a player to be named. Acquired RHP Jose Veras from the N.Y. Yankees for cash.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with SS Scott Lyons, 2B Benjamin Tschepikow, LHP Jonathon Keck, OF Anthony Howard and RHP Scott Shimek. Assigned Lyons to the Arizona Rookie League and Tschepikow to Idaho Falls (Pioneer).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated INF Cody Ransom from the 60-day DL and designated INF Angel Berroa for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed LHP Josh Outman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 20. Recalled LHP Gio Gonzalez from Sacramento (PCL).
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Matt Lindstrom on the 15-day DL. Called up RHP Chris Leroux from Jacksonville (SL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled RHP Mike Burns from Nashville (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Purchased the contract of INF Argenis Reyes from Buffalo (IL). Designated LHP Jon Switzer for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry Sullivan, C Jason Hagerty, RHP Miles Mikolas and LHP Ryan Hinson.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with INF Chris Dominguez.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Recalled RHP Tyler Clippard from Syracuse (IL). Designated RHP Kip Wells for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Traded G Randy Foye and G Mike Miller to Washington for the 2009 No. 5 draft pick, F Etan Thomas, F Darius Songaila and F Oleksiy.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Acquired the 2009 No. 22 draft pick from Dallas for the 2009 No. 24 draft pick and a 2009 and a 2010 second-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DE Julius Peppers to a one-year contract and CB Captain Munnerlyn. Waived RB Markus Manson and CB Reggie Sullivan.
DENVER BRONCOS—Acquired WR C.J. Jones off waivers from Kansas City.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Greg Jennings to a contract extension.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Released QB Alex Brink, LB Kevis Coley, P Justin Brantly and T Doug Dedrick.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed WR Ramses Barden and QB Rhett Bomar. Waived TE George Wrighster and OL Mike Fladell.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
TORONTO FC—Traded M Kevin Harmse to Chivas USA for allocation money.

COLLEGE
APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Heather Kearney, Andrea Gross and Kiesha Mack women's assistant basketball coaches.
COASTAL CAROLINA—Named Richie Riley men's assistant basketball coach.
DUKE—Announced men's basketball G Elliot Williams is leaving the school.
FAULKNER—Named Patrick McCarthy baseball coach.
GEORGETOWN—Named Michael Brennan men's assistant basketball coach.
ILLINOIS—Announced G Jeff Jordan is leaving the basketball team.
ILLINOIS STATE—Named Nicholas Watson director of equipment operations.
NYU—Named January Romero men's and women's assistant golf coach.
NORTH TEXAS—Named Lisa Ferguson assistant softball coach.
NOTRE DAME—Announced the resignation of assistant baseball coach Sherard Clinkscales.
OHIO—Named Ramon Williams men's assistant basketball coach.
TEXAS—Announced G Harrison Smith has elected to transfer and leave the basketball team.

Soccer

Confederations Cup

FIRST ROUND
GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Spain	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
x-South Africa	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Iraq	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
New Zealand	3	0	1	2	0	7	1

x-advanced to semifinals
Wednesday, June 17
At Bloemfontein, South Africa
Spain 1, Iraq 0
At Rustenburg, South Africa
South Africa 2, New Zealand 0
Saturday, June 20
At Johannesburg
Iraq 0, New Zealand 0
At Bloemfontein, South Africa
Spain 2, South Africa 0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
x-United States	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Italy	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Egypt	3	1	0	2	4	7	3

x-advanced to semifinals
Monday, June 15
At Bloemfontein, South Africa
Brazil 4, Egypt 3
At Pretoria, South Africa
Italy 3, United States 1
Thursday, June 18
At Pretoria, South Africa
Brazil 3, United States 0
At Johannesburg
Egypt 1, Italy 0
Sunday, June 21
At Rustenburg, South Africa
United States 3, Egypt 0
At Pretoria, South Africa
Brazil 3, Italy 0
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, June 24
At Bloemfontein, South Africa
United States 2, Spain 0
Thursday, June 25
At Johannesburg
Brazil vs. South Africa
THIRD PLACE
Sunday, June 28
At Rustenburg, South Africa
Spain vs. Brazil/South Africa
FINAL
Sunday, June 28
At Johannesburg
United States vs. Brazil/South Africa

Wednesday
U.S. 2, Spain 0

United States	1	1—2
Spain	0	0—0

First half—1, United States, Altidore 1 (Dempsey), 27th minute.
Second half—2, United States, Dempsey 2, 74th minute.
Yellow Cards—Donovan, U.S., 5th; Altidore, U.S., 28th; Capdevila, Spain, 36th; Pique, Spain, 89th. **Red Cards**—Bradley, U.S., 87th.
A—35,269.

Lineups
United States—Tim Howard; Carlos Bocanegra, Jay DeMerit, Oguchi Onyewu, Jonathan Spector; Michael Bradley, Ricardo Clark, Clint Dempsey (Jonathan Bornstein, 88th), Landon Donovan; Charlie Davies (Benny Feilhaber, 69th), Jozy Altidore (Conor Casey, 83rd)
Spain—Iker Casillas; Sergio Ramos, Gerard Pique, Carles Puyol, Joan Capdevila; Xabi Alonso, Albert Riera (Juan Manuel Mata, 78th), Cesc Fabregas (Santi Cazorla, 68th), Xavi Hernandez; David Villa, Fernando Torres

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	1	4	31	19	5
Boston	5	4	3	18	14	13
Washington	4	4	4	16	17	19
Saint Louis	4	5	2	14	9	11
Sky Blue FC	3	5	3	12	7	9
FC Gold Pride	3	6	3	12	11	17
Chicago	2	5	5	11	8	11

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Wednesday's games
Boston 1, Washington 0
Los Angeles 2, Saint Louis 1
Saturday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles
Sunday's game
Saint Louis at Sky Blue FC
Wednesday, July 1
Washington at Chicago
Saturday, July 4
Boston at Sky Blue FC
Sunday, July 5
Los Angeles at Washington
Saint Louis at FC Gold Pride

TANK MCNAMARA

MLS roundup

Toronto FC blanks N.Y.

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Dwayne De Rosario and Pablo Vitti scored to give Toronto FC a 2-0 victory over the New York Red Bulls on Wednesday night, extending New York's road winless streak to 21 regular-season games.

New York (2-11-4) dropped to 0-7-2 in its past nine games overall with its second defeat to Toronto (6-5-4) in 11 days. The Red Bulls haven't won away from home since a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy on May 10, 2008.

Toronto, which also beat last-place New York 2-1 on June 13, moved into sole possession of second place in the Eastern Conference.

Rapids 1, FC Dallas 1: At Commerce City, Colo., Omar Cummings scored the tying goal in the 84th minute and Colorado (5-2-6) extended its franchise-record unbeaten streak to eight.

Cummings, who has four goals in his past five games, dribbled the ball inside the penalty area, where he fired a low shot past goalkeeper Ray Burse.

Colorado's last loss was a 1-0 defeat April 19 at Houston.

David Ferreira scored in the 37th minute for Dallas (3-7-5).

MLS scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	5	3	8	23	25	24
Toronto FC	6	5	4	22	21	22
Chicago	5	3	6	21	21	19
Kansas City	5	5	4	19	19	17
Columbus	4	3	7	19	20	20
New England	4	4	4	16	15	20
New York	2	11	4	10	14	27

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	8	2	4	28	20	9
Chivas USA	8	4	3	27	19	12
Seattle	5	3	7	22	21	15
Colorado	5	2	6	21	21	15
Real Salt Lake	4	6	4	16	19	17
Los Angeles	2	3	9	15	16	18
FC Dallas	3	7	5	14	18	24
San Jose	3	8	3	12	17	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Wednesday's games
Toronto FC 2, New York 0
Colorado 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
Saturday's games
New York at Columbus
Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake
Sunday's games
Colorado at Seattle FC
Houston at Los Angeles
Friday, July 3
San Jose at Real Salt Lake
Saturday, July 4
D.C. United at Columbus
Chicago at Colorado
Houston at Kansas City
New York at FC Dallas
New England at Los Angeles

Wednesday
Toronto FC 2, Red Bulls 0

New York	0	0—0
Toronto FC	1	1—2

First half—1, Toronto FC, Vitti 1 (Attakora), 28th minute.
Second half—2, Toronto FC, De Rosario 5 (Barrett, Attakora), 59th.
Goalies—New York, Danny Cepero; Toronto FC, Stefan Frei.
Yellow Cards—Robinson, Toronto FC, 42nd; Richards, New York, 77th; Serioux, Toronto FC, 77th.
A—20,902 (20,000)

FC Dallas 1, Rapids 1

FC Dallas	1	0—1
Colorado	0	1—1

First half—1, FC Dallas, Ferreira 2 (Cooper, Cunningham), 37th minute.
Second half—2, Colorado, Cummings 6 (Ballouchy), 84th.
Goalies—FC Dallas, Ray Burse; Colorado, Matt Pickens.
A—10,583 (18,086)

A WEEKLY LOOK **RACING STRIPES** AT MOTORSPORTS

Keselowski wants his future now

Nationwide driver, 25, is eager to land a ride for next season's Sprint Cup series

BY CHRIS JENKINS
The Associated Press

WEST ALLIS, Wis.

In happier economic times, Brad Keselowski's career might be in high gear. Instead, he worries that he's going nowhere fast.

Keselowski, 25, raised eyebrows with his unexpected Sprint Cup series victory at Talladega in April, taking the checkered flag as Carl Edwards went airborne in a spectacular crash at the finish. And that victory doesn't appear to be a fluke: Keselowski is having success in his regular gig with Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Hendrick Motorsports-affiliated team in the second-tier Nationwide series.

Still, Keselowski says he's "not one inch" closer to knowing where he might drive next season. Concerned about his future, Keselowski wants to hear something solid from team owner Rick Hendrick.

"I'd agreed with Mr. Hendrick on a personal level to give it a month or so, see what we can come up with," Keselowski said. "And that time period has dwindled down, and we're about to the end of that. Just waiting to hear back from him on if he's working on it or not. And I haven't heard back from him, heard anything positive or negative. So there's a lot going on right now."

Coming off a third-place finish at the Milwaukee Mile on Saturday, Keselowski is third in the Nationwide standings — making him the highest-ranked driver who isn't also a Cup regular.

So far, that success hasn't brought him firm plans for next season.

"Certainly that's going to weigh more heavily on my mind the next 30 to 60 days," Keselowski said. "This is the time period where you have to have set in stone what you want to do, and what you're going to do. And if you wait much longer than this, all the premier rides and premier sponsors kind of choose a path."

Brad Keselowski says the deadline to hear back from Hendrick Motorsports about a Sprint Cup ride for next season is just about up. "This is the time period where you have to have set in stone what you want to do, and what you're going to do. And if you wait much longer than this, all the premier rides and premier sponsors kind of choose a path."

MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

Hendrick said he intends to meet with Keselowski this week and is considering placing him with a Hendrick-affiliated Cup team. Possibilities include a third car at Stewart-Haas Racing, a ride with James Finch's team or staying at Earnhardt's JR Motorsports and moving that team up to Cup.

"I like his intensity," Hendrick said. "He really wants to do well. He's aggressive when he needs to be, smart when he needs to be. He reminds me a lot of Mark (Martin), and he has dedication and determination. And that goes a long way with me. I'm just really impressed with how smart he is."

To some, though, Keselowski's concerns are a sign that the next generation of NASCAR drivers have been spoiled by the recent success of young drivers such as Jimmie Johnson, Ryan Newman and Kasey Kahne — resulting in unrealistic expectations about how quickly they should be moving up to Cup.

"He's making it sound worse than it actually is," Nationwide veteran David Green said of Keselowski. "I guess that's OK. But at the same time, if he's worried about a job for next year, what about the rest of us? We're worried, too. I think Brad has many opportunities."

Green has been a mentor to young drivers such as Landon Cassill, David Gilliland, Stephen Leicht and, most recently, John Wes Townley. And he sees a common theme developing among the next generation of up-and-coming drivers: Most of them think they should have been racing in the Cup series yesterday. But Green points to the success of Martin, who is still winning at age 50.

"That means you've got 30-something years," Green tells younger drivers. "What is the hurry? And the point I'm simply trying to make is take your time learning, because you only get basically one opportunity, or a couple, and when you do get that opportunity, make it work."

But, as Green has discovered, that's not what young drivers want to hear. When NASCAR considered raising the minimum age for Cup series drivers to 21, one of the drivers he was coaching was ready to hit the roof.

"He thought he was in line to take over one of those guys' rides," Green said. "And I said, 'Listen, that's really a good thing. Because the (best) thing that can happen here is you would win several races in Nationwide, maybe win a championship or two. Then when you became 21, and got a Cup ride, you'd have a lot more credentials behind you. '

"So I think it was misleading to a lot of younger drivers."

Keselowski, though, clearly has his sights set on the Cup series next season. Now he's just hoping to find a major corporate sponsor — or several midlevel sponsors — willing to back him. "In order to be with a premier ride, you have to have a premier sponsor," Keselowski said. "And those sponsors are, not only are they not getting any bigger, they're starting to somewhat dry up. So that adds a lot of pieces to it.

"There's really only one or two major sponsors out there that are even looking around. So I think those are probably all set. It'll be interesting to see how that plays out, and it looks like in order for me to get a full-time Cup ride, it's going to have to be five or six or multiple sponsors to do it."

AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer in Sonoma, Calif., contributed to this report.

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

Race 17: Lenox Industrial Tools 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon 3 a.m. Monday, Japan & Korea, AFN-Atlantic

Last race: Kasey Kahne won on the road course in Sonoma, Calif., giving team co-owner Richard Petty his first victory since April 1999. Series points leader Tony Stewart was second, and Marcos Ambrose finished third.

Last year: Kurt Busch won the rain-shortened race, staying on the track when the leaders pitted.

Worth noting: Kyle Busch and Mark Martin each have three victories this season, worth 30 bonus points in the Chase for the Championship. ... Jeff Burton has a track-record four victories, one more than Gordon and Kurt Busch.

Next race: Coke Zero 400, July 4, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Driver to watch: Besides sitting atop the driver standings, **Tony Stewart** has 12 top-10 finishes this season, winning once and finishing second four times.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 16 of 36 races

1.	Tony Stewart	2,364
2.	Jeff Gordon	2,280
3.	Jimmie Johnson	2,207
4.	Kurt Busch	2,084
5.	Carl Edwards	2,051
6.	Ryan Newman	2,046
7.	Denny Hamlin	2,009
8.	Greg Biffle	1,992
9.	Kyle Busch	1,962
10.	Matt Kenseth	1,957
11.	Mark Martin	1,926
12.	Juan Montoya	1,917
13.	Kasey Kahne	1,914
14.	David Reutimann	1,877
15.	Jeff Burton	1,871
16.	Clint Bowyer	1,852
17.	Brian Vickers	1,794
18.	Marcos Ambrose	1,704
19.	Jamie McMurray	1,669
20.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,640
21.	Casey Mears	1,617
22.	Martin Truex Jr.	1,590
23.	Elliott Sadler	1,570
24.	Joey Logano	1,551
25.	Kevin Harvick	1,537

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Camping World RV Sales 200 at Loudon, N.H. (4 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Subway Jalapeno 250, July 3, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Driver Standings

1.	Kyle Busch	2,391
2.	Carl Edwards	2,264
3.	Brad Keselowski	2,173

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

This week: MemphisTravel.com 200 at Memphis, Tenn.

Next race: Built Ford Tough 225, July 18, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.

Driver Standings

1.	Ron Hornaday Jr.	1,518
2.	Matt Crafton	1,482
3.	Todd Bodine	1,430

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Sebastian Vettel cruised to victory in the British Grand Prix, leading Red Bull to a 1-2 finish. The 21-year-old German's 15.1-second victory over Mark Webber duplicated their finish at China in April.

Next race: German Grand Prix, July 12, Nuerburgring, Hockenheim, Germany.

Driver Standings

1.	Jenson Button	64
2.	Rubens Barrichello	41
3.	Sebastian Vettel	39

INDYCAR SERIES

This week: SunTrust Indy Challenge at Richmond, Va. (Delayed, 3 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Camping World Grand Prix, July 5, Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Driver Standings

1.	Ryan Briscoe	241
2.	Dario Franchitti	238
3.	Scott Dixon	226

NHRA

This week: Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Nationals at Norwalk, Ohio (11 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next event: Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals, July 10-12, Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colo.

Driver Standings

Top fuel

1.	Antron Brown	864
2.	Tony Schumacher	830
3.	Larry Dixon	767

Funny car

1.	Tony Pedregon	818
2.	Ashley Force Hood	798
3.	Ron Capps	792

Pro stock

1.	Jeg Coughlin	1,018
2.	Mike Edwards	909
3.	Greg Anderson	803

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Sports briefs

Peppers signs $16.7M, 1-year deal with Panthers

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers' stalemate with the Carolina Panthers is over, leaving the defensive end rich and the NFC South champions free from worrying about a holdout.

Peppers signed his one-year, $16.7 million tender on Wednesday, five months after the four-time Pro Bowl selection first announced he wanted to play elsewhere next season. It means Peppers, Carolina's career sacks leader, should be present for the start of training camp.

"Recently, I've had positive and productive discussions with the organization," Peppers said in a statement. "I am optimistic and focused as I look forward to the upcoming NFL season."

Shortly after the Panthers were eliminated in the playoffs in January, Peppers said he was "maxed out" in Carolina and wanted to play outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense.

He insisted he would never sign a long-term contract with the Panthers and pleaded for them to not place the restrictive franchise tag on him. The Panthers did it anyway. It meant they had to give him a contract that would pay him more than $1 million a game, but another team couldn't sign him unless it gave Carolina two first-round draft picks in return.

Peppers refused to sign the tender or attend offseason minicamps and optional workouts.

On top of the $16.7 million in guaranteed money, Peppers could earn $1.5 million more if he makes the Pro Bowl and $250,000 for each playoff victory, giving him one of the highest single-season contracts in NFL history.

The 6-foot-7 Peppers, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2002 draft, had a career-high 14 1/2 sacks last season as Carolina went 12-4. That came after a miserable 2007 season when he was held to 2 1/2 sacks and the Panthers failed to reach the playoffs.

Also:

■ Linebacker Michael Boley, who signed a five-year, $25 million contract with the New York Giants as a free agent, had hip surgery and almost certainly will miss the start of training camp. Boley had arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn labrum. The former Atlanta Falcons star hurt his hip during the Giants' offseason program.

■ Singer Gloria Estefan and her husband, producer Emilio Estefan, are bringing the Miami Sound Machine to the Miami Dolphins, joining the NFL franchise as minority owners.

MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

John Daly, trying to get his game ready for the British Open next month, tees off during the first round of the BMW International Open in Munich on Thursday. Daly shot a 2-over 74.

BCS presidents reject Mountain West playoff plan

Bowl Championship Series presidents rejected the Mountain West Conference's playoff plan.

The MWC proposed an eight-team playoff system that would allow greater access to the national championship game to teams outside the six most powerful leagues. The BCS presidential oversight committee rejected the concept during a teleconference Wednesday.

"There was no overall support for the proposal, although some conferences were interested in considering certain elements of it in the future — particularly those related to revenue, access and governance of the BCS arrangement," said University of Oregon president David Frohnmayer, the outgoing committee chairman.

Manny goes hitless in minor league game

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Manny Ramirez grounded out and walked Wednesday, making him hitless in three at-bats in his two games in Albuquerque with the Los Angeles Dodgers' top farm club. He also ran to catch a fly and fielded a ball off the left-field wall.

Ramirez is on assignment in the minors this week after a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug rules.

"I haven't played for three months," Ramirez said. "I've got to get ready. It's not the same when you're in the outfield standing up. You saw me. I was running. I was hitting. But it's not like playing a game when you go four innings."

Nashville's leadoff batter, Jason Bourgeois, flied to left on a rainy evening and Ramirez backpedaled and tracked the ball for an easy catch as Albuquerque fans cheered.

When Ramirez led off for Albuquerque, he walked on four pitches from Nashville right-hander Tim Dillard, who was loudly booed. Ramirez reached second on Chin-Lung Hu's sacrifice bunt but the Isotopes couldn't bring him across to score.

Ramirez also chased Adam Heether's double off the wall in the second before grounding out to end the third. Over his four innings, his mobility looked good and his legs showed no apparent side effects from three months off.

Ramirez, who played four innings Tuesday, is scheduled to go seven innings Thursday in his final Albuquerque appearance. He's expected to rejoin the Dodgers on July 3.

Also:

■ New York Yankees ace CC Sabathia threw in the bullpen before Wednesday's game against the Atlanta Braves and said he'll be ready to start the opener of a weekend series against the New York Mets. Sabathia threw 27 pitches after leaving his last start with tightness in his left biceps.

Jordan's son leaving Illinois after two seasons

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Michael Jordan's son, Jeff, is leaving Illinois after two seasons.

The former walk-on guard said Wednesday that he plans to focus on his studies, a few months after Illinois coach Bruce Weber said Jordan had a chance to earn more playing time and even a leadership role during his junior year.

"I loved playing for the Fighting Illini and appreciate the support I was given by my teammates, coaches and the great fans here," Jordan in a statement. "But I have come to the point where I'm ready to focus on life after basketball."

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Jordan got a scholarship before the 2009 spring semester. He appeared in 59 games, totaling 58 points, 42 assists and 24 rebounds. A defensive specialist, Jordan averaged 8.4 minutes as a sophomore after playing 5.3 minutes per game as a freshman.

Michael Jordan's youngest son, Marcus, has committed to playing at Central Florida next season.

Also:

■ BYU basketball coach Dave Rose said he appears to be free of cancer and plans on being back next season. Rose underwent emergency surgery this month, with doctors removing his spleen and a mass that tested positive for cancer. The tumor had started in Rose's pancreas, spread to his spleen and caused internal bleeding. He said the surgery apparently got the entire tumor.

■ Federal prosecutors charged a Kentucky man with helping an alleged extortion attempt against University of Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino. Lester Goetzinger was charged with aiding and abetting Karen Cunagin Sypher in her alleged attempt to extort millions from Pitino.

Rachel Alexandra to miss Breeders' Cup

NEW YORK — The co-owner of Preakness winner Rachel Alexandra said the star filly will not run in the Breeders' Cup this year.

Jess Jackson said Wednesday that he isn't willing to run the 3-year-old filly on the synthetic surface at Santa Anita in November after a fourth-place finish by his two-time Horse of the Year Curlin in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic, also at Santa Anita.

Rachel Alexandra will return to the track for the first time since her Preakness victory when she runs in Saturday's Mother Goose at Belmont Park.

Jackson is uncertain what the rest of the year holds for his filly, but he did not rule out races against the boys. He mentioned the Delaware Handicap, the Haskell Invitational and the Travers as possibilities.

Babcock takes over as Team Canada coach

MONTREAL — Team Canada is officially in Mike Babcock's hands. He was introduced Thursday as hockey coach of the men's 2010 Olympic team, heading a staff that includes Ken Hitchcock, Lindy Ruff and Jacques Lemaire.

"Any time you have a chance to play for your country or be involved with your country is a whole new level of special," he said.

Babcock has been one of the NHL's most successful coaches in recent years. He helped the Detroit Red Wings to back-to-back Stanley Cup finals — winning in 2008 — and posted at least 50 victories in four consecutive seasons.

Canada is coming off its worst Olympic showing, a seventh-place finish at Turin in 2006.

Hitchcock is the lone holdover from that coaching staff. He was also an assistant on the 2002 team that won gold in Salt Lake City.

Ruff was the head coach of the Canadian team that recently suffered a second successive loss to Russia in the final of the world championship.

Lemaire coached more than 1,100 NHL games with the Montreal Canadiens, New Jersey Devils and Minnesota Wild, and won a Stanley Cup with the Devils in 1995. He stepped down as Wild coach at the end of the season after missing the playoffs.

Senate urges Obama to pardon Jack Johnson

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate urged President Barack Obama to pardon Jack Johnson, the late black heavyweight boxing champion who was sent to prison nearly a century ago because of his romantic ties with a white woman.

The Senate approved the resolution by voice vote on Wednesday.

Johnson became the first black heavyweight champion in 1908 — 100 years before Obama was elected America's first black president. Johnson was convicted in 1913 of violating the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for immoral purposes.

Holyfield is facing foreclosure again

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — Former heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield faces foreclosure again on his sprawling estate in suburban Atlanta.

A year after the 54,000-square-foot home was put on the auction block, a legal notice placed last week in the Fayette Daily News said Holyfield was back in default on his $10 million loan. An auction is scheduled July 7 on the courthouse steps.

The home — located south of Atlanta on Evander Holyfield Highway — has 109 rooms, including 17 bathrooms, three kitchens and a bowling alley.

Holyfield faced foreclosure on the home in June 2008, but a financial settlement was reached with Washington Mutual Bank before an auction.

Also:

■ Paul Spadafora, a former IBF lightweight champion fighting for the first time in 14 months, knocked out Argentina's Ivan Bustos in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Bustos' corner threw in the towel 2 minutes, 26 seconds into the sixth round of the scheduled eight-round welterweight fight.

Finch leads, Daly struggles in BMW International Open

MUNICH — England's Richard Finch overcame a rain delay to shoot 6-under 66 on Thursday in the first round of the BMW International Open.

John Daly struggled on the first leg of a three-tournament European swing.

Munich Nord-Eichenried Golf Club was struggling to recover from two days of wet weather early in the week when a downpour caused play to be suspended four hours into the first round.

Play resumed and Finch managed to put together the round of the day.

Daly, who is trying to get his game in shape for the British Open at Turnberry next month, opened with a 2-over 74 in the European Tour event.

■ PGA Tour television coverage in the United Kingdom will continue under an agreement with Eurosport to broadcast the remaining tournaments on the 2009 schedule. The agreement came two days after the tour said its six-year deal with Setanta was over because the Irish-based broadcaster had filed for bankruptcy protection.

ERIC FRANCIS/AP

In this case, there is no penalty for piling on as LSU players get lost in the moment after beating Texas 11-4 in the championship game of the College World Series on Wednesday night.

College World Series

LSU returns to the top

Mitchell's first-inning blast leads Tigers past Texas for 6th title

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — It's almost too much for Jared Mitchell to wrap his mind around.

A national champion in football and a first-round draft pick in baseball, Mitchell ended his college career Wednesday night with an NCAA title in baseball and the MVP award in the College World Series. Quite a way to go out. "If there's a better way, write the story for me," Mitchell said after LSU defeated Texas 11-4 in the winner-take-all Game 3 of the CWS finals.

Mitchell hit a three-run homer in the first inning to get the Tigers started. He batted .348 with two homers, three doubles and seven RBIs in six games in Omaha. The Tigers' big first inning came after Texas freshman Taylor Jungmann had limited LSU to five hits in a 5-1 victory in Game 2 on Tuesday.

"We were talking about getting an early lead," LSU first baseman Sean Ochinko said. "Jared's home run got the wheels spinning. That's what we needed at that point."

Mitchell, a receiver on the LSU team that won the BCS championship after the 2007 season, said he hoped to ignite the Tigers after their sluggish offensive performance the night before.

"In football, converting third downs wins championships," he said. "In baseball, clutch hits win championships. Who's going to get the big hit when we need it?"

Texas rallied to tie it, but LSU put the game away with a five-run sixth inning. And a program that wasn't good enough to qualify for its conference tournament two years ago is the best team in college baseball again. The Tigers (56-17) won their sixth national title — tied with Texas for second behind USC's 12 — and first since 2000.

LSU's Jared Mitchell follows his three-run shot against Texas in the first inning of Wednesday night's game.

TED KIRK/AP

"It's an unbelievable feeling to be put in the position where you're remembered forever in Baton Rouge now," said Mitchell, a first-round pick of the Chicago White Sox. "To be in that company with the players who won championships, to put LSU baseball on top where it belongs, to be a part of that is special.

"It's everybody pulling together, a sense of urgency we had, and we began to play our best ball at the end of the year."

It was the first NCAA title for coach Paul Mainieri, 51, who played his freshman year at LSU in 1976 and returned to the school after coaching at St. Thomas (Fla.), Air Force and Notre Dame.

"I've had wonderful kids everywhere I've been," he said.

"They're all feeling a part of this. I'm so happy for these kids. They've done everything I've asked. They played great. They played great defense. Our pitching has been solid. When we got to the end of the season everyone was determined they would get it done. It's been a coach's dream to have a group like this."

The Tigers entered the CWS ranked No. 1 in the major polls, and that's where they'll finish after keeping Texas from becoming the first No. 1 seed to win the tournament since Miami in 1999.

"They are the best team we've played by far," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "We didn't lose it. They won it. It was a well-deserved championship."

Louis Coleman struck out Kevin Keyes for the second out in the ninth inning, bringing most of the 19,986 fans at Rosenblatt Stadium to their feet. Coleman struck out Connor Rowe for the final out, threw his glove high in the air and then sank to the bottom of the pile in front of the mound.

LSU won national titles in 1991, '93, '96, '97 and 2000 under Skip Bertman. Though the Tigers made it back to the CWS two times under Smoke Laval — he went 0-4 in Omaha — the program fell off before Mainieri arrived three years ago.

His 2007 team, which included four regulars on the 2009 title team, failed to qualify for the Southeastern Conference tournament. His 2008 squad struggled until midseason, then rolled to an SEC-record 23 consecutive victories on its way to the College World Series.

This year, the Tigers won the SEC regular-season and tournament titles and swept through regionals and super regionals on their way to Omaha.

NBA briefs

Cavs get Shaq to help LeBron win first crown

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron and Shaq: Two of the NBA's biggest stars are teammates.

The Cleveland Cavaliers completed a blockbuster trade Thursday, bringing superstar center Shaquille O'Neal from the Phoenix Suns to join current league MVP LeBron James.

The Cavaliers hope they are creating a basketball duo with the power of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — or even Shaq and Kobe Bryant. Each pair won multiple NBA titles. The Cavs would settle for their first.

The Cavs are sending center Ben Wallace and swingman Sasha Pavlovic to the Suns, along with a second-round pick in the 2010 draft and cash.

"Shaq is an incredible ballplayer and a four-time NBA champion," James said in a statement. "I have a lot of respect for him and his game. It will be a real honor to play with Shaq as my teammates and I look forward to another great season with the Cavs."

During his 17-year career, O'Neal won three NBA titles as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers with Bryant and one in Miami with Dwyane Wade — and will try to get another with James, who is missing only a championship ring on his resume.

The trade is a gamble for the Cavs. They are hoping that O'Neal, 37, who is past his prime and has one year and $21 million left on his contract, can be the missing piece that helps James deliver his first championship to a city that has waited since 1964 for one of its major sports teams to win it all. "This move and our goals are aligned with what our players want, including LeBron, to win a championship and win it this year," Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry said. "We don't want to be patient."

For star power, the O'Neal-James tandem rivals any on the sports landscape today. But it could be a one-year gambit.

Ferry and Suns GM Steve Kerr had been discussing the deal for months and reached a preliminary agreement early Thursday morning. The teams had to get league approval before the swap could be announced.

James could have used Shaq during this year's playoffs. The Cavaliers' frontcourt of Wallace, Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Anderson Varejao couldn't contain Orlando center Dwight Howard, and Cleveland lost in the Eastern Conference finals — a devastating blow for a team that won 66 games in the regular season and coasted through the first two rounds without losing a game.

MATT YORK/AP

Shaquille O'Neal will join LeBron James on the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Suns will get center Ben Wallace, swingman Sasha Pavlovic, a second-round draft pick and cash.

O'Neal is coming off an All-Star season with the Suns — averaging 17.8 points and 8.4 rebounds in 75 games — but doesn't move as well as he did and slowed Phoenix's high-powered offense. Still, the 7-foot-1, 325-pounder is large enough to take on a player such as Howard by himself.

Yao's broken left foot not responding to treatment

HOUSTON — Yao Ming's broken foot has not healed, and the Houston Rockets said Wednesday the All-Star center is out indefinitely.

Yao suffered a hairline fracture in his left foot in the Rockets' second-round playoff loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on May 8. The team initially said Yao would miss eight to 12 weeks, but team doctor Tom Clanton examined Yao's foot in Houston and said the injury has not responded to treatment.

Hawks get Crawford from Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Atlanta Hawks and Golden State Warriors completed a deal that sends guard Jamal Crawford to Atlanta for guards Acie Law and Speedy Claxton.

Crawford provides the Hawks with depth and flexibility at guard. Starting point guard Mike Bibby and backup combo guard Flip Murray are unrestricted free agents after helping Atlanta reach the second round of the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

The deal was reached after Crawford signed paperwork indicating he won't opt out of his contract and become a free agent.

He is scheduled to make nearly $20 million over the next two years.

MLB scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	27	.620	—
New York	39	32	.549	5
Toronto	40	33	.548	5
Tampa Bay	38	35	.521	7
Baltimore	32	39	.451	12
Central Division				
Detroit	41	31	.569	—
Minnesota	37	37	.500	5
Chicago	34	37	.479	6½
Kansas City	31	40	.437	9½
Cleveland	30	43	.411	11½
West Division				
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	—
Texas	38	32	.543	—
Seattle	36	35	.507	2½
Oakland	31	40	.437	7½

Wednesday's interleague games

Boston 6, Washington 4
Detroit 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 10, Cleveland 6
Toronto 8, Cincinnati 2
Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 1
Florida 5, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Atlanta 4
Kansas City 4, Houston 3, 11 innings
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 10, L.A. Dodgers 7
Texas 2, Arizona 1
L.A. Angels 11, Colorado 3
San Francisco 6, Oakland 3
Seattle 4, San Diego 3

Thursday's interleague games

Detroit 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Houston 5, Kansas City 4
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 4
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago White Sox
San Diego at Seattle
Boston at Washington
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Cincinnati at Toronto
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay
Baltimore at Florida
N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta
Texas at Arizona

Friday's interleague games

Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 1-3) at Chicago White Sox (Contreras 2-6)
Cincinnati (Harang 5-7) at Cleveland (Sowers 1-5)
Kansas City (Meche 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Morton 0-0)
Washington (Detwiler 0-3) at Baltimore (Bergesen 4-2)
Philadelphia (Happ 4-0) at Toronto (R.Romero 4-3)
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-2)
Boston (Beckett 8-3) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 5-5)
Florida (Jo.Johnson 7-1) at Tampa Bay (J.Shields 6-5)
Detroit (Verlander 8-3) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 6-6)
San Diego (W.Silva 0-0) at Texas (Millwood 7-5)
Minnesota (Perkins 2-4) at St. Louis (Wainwright 8-4)
L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 7-3) at Arizona (Buckner 2-4)
Colorado (Hammel 4-3) at Oakland (Braden 5-6)
Seattle (Vargas 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Milton 2-0)

Wednesday
Tigers 5, Cubs 3

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
ASorin lf	5	0	2	0	Grndrs cf	4	0	1	1
Theriot ss	4	1	2	0	Polanc 2b	3	0	1	0
D.Lee dh	2	0	1	0	MiCarr 1b	4	1	2	2
Hoffpar 1b	5	0	2	0	Thams dh	4	1	0	0
Bradly rf	2	1	0	0	Kelly lf	4	0	0	0
J.Fox 3b	4	0	1	1	Inge 3b	3	1	0	0
Fukdm cf	5	0	1	0	Ordonz rf	4	0	2	0
Soto c	4	1	2	1	JAndrs pr-rf	0	0	0	0
Fontent 2b	4	0	0	1	Laird c	4	2	2	1
					Everett ss	3	0	2	1
Totals	35	3	11	3	**Totals**	33	5	10	5

Chicago 000 011 100—3
Detroit 000 112 01x—5

E—Soto (3). DP—Detroit 2. LOB—Chicago 13, Detroit 11. 2B—Soto (8). HR—Soto (6), Mi.Cabrera (15), Laird (3). SB—Granderson (13). SF—J.Fox.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Harden L,4-4	5⅓	4	4	2	4	3
Heilman	1⅔	3	0	0	1	2
Ascanio	⅓	3	1	1	0	0
Marshall	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Marmol	⅓	0	0	0	2	1
Detroit						
Porcello	5	7	2	2	4	3
N.Robertson	0	1	0	0	0	0
Miner W,5-1 BS,2-2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seay H,15	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon H,3	⅔	0	0	0	1	0
Zumaya H,5	1	1	0	0	0	2
Rodney S,15-15	1	1	0	0	1	2

Porcello pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. N.Robertson pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Miner pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. T—3:19. A—36,438 (41,255).

Blue Jays 8, Reds 2

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Dickrsn cf	3	1	0	0	Scutaro ss	4	3	1	0
HrstnJr ss	4	0	1	1	A.Hill 2b	4	1	2	3
Votto 1b	3	0	0	0	V.Wells cf	4	1	2	2
BPhllps 2b	4	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	1	1	1
L.Nix lf	4	0	0	0	Lind lf	4	1	2	2
Gomes dh	4	1	2	1	Rios rf	4	0	0	0
Bruce rf	4	0	0	0	Overay 1b	4	0	1	0
RHrndz c	2	0	0	0	Barajs c	4	0	0	0
Richar 3b	3	0	1	0	RAdms dh	3	1	2	0
Totals	31	2	4	2	**Totals**	35	8	11	8

Cincinnati 011 000 000—2
Toronto 510 100 01x—8

E—Richar (1). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Cincinnati 5, Toronto 9. 2B—Scutaro (21), V.Wells (19), Lind (23). HR—Gomes (3), A.Hill (16), V.Wells (7), Lind (15).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Arroyo L,8-6	3⅔	8	7	6	3	2
Roenicke	2⅓	1	0	0	2	1
Fisher	2	2	1	1	1	2
Toronto						
Richmond W,6-4	7	2	2	2	2	3
Hayhurst	2	2	0	0	1	1

WP—Fisher, Richmond 2. T—2:48. A—15,409 (49,539).

Red Sox 6, Nationals 4

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Washington	ab	r	h	bi
Pedroia 2b	4	1	2	1	WHarrs cf-2b	5	0	0	0
J.Drew rf	3	0	1	0	CGzmn ss	4	0	2	1
Youkils 3b	3	1	0	0	Zmrmn 3b	4	1	1	0
Bay lf	4	0	0	0	NJhnsn 1b	4	1	0	0
D.Ortiz 1b	3	2	2	3	Wlngh lf-rf	3	1	1	2
Kotsay 1b	1	0	0	0	Dukes rf-cf	3	0	1	0
Varitek c	4	1	1	2	AHrndz 2b	3	0	1	1
Ellsury cf	4	0	0	0	Dunn ph-lf	0	0	0	0
NGreen ss	4	1	1	0	Nieves c	2	0	0	0
Lester p	1	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0
Lugo ph	1	0	0	0	Beimel p	0	0	0	0
Mstrsn p	0	0	0	0	Bellird ph	1	0	0	0
Okajim p	0	0	0	0	MacDgl p	0	0	0	0
Baldelli ph	1	0	0	0	Stmmn p	2	0	1	0
Papeln p	0	0	0	0	Villone p	0	0	0	0
					Tavarz p	0	0	0	0
					J.Bard ph-c	2	1	1	0
Totals	33	6	7	6	**Totals**	34	4	8	4

Boston 000 312 000—6
Washington 010 002 100—4

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 3, Washington 7. 2B—Pedroia (20), J.Drew (15), Zimmerman (19), J.Bard (8). 3B—C.Guzman (4). HR—D.Ortiz (7), Varitek (11). SB—W.Harris (6). S—Lester.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lester W,6-6	6	6	3	3	2	6
Masterson H,4	1⅔	2	1	1	1	2
Okajima H,15	⅓	0	0	0	1	1
Papelbon S,17-18	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington						
Stammen L,1-3	5⅓	7	6	6	1	5
Villone	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Tavarez	1	0	0	0	1	1
Beimel	1	0	0	0	0	1
MacDougal	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:58. A—41,530 (41,888).

Pirates 10, Indians 6

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
JCarrll 2b-3b	4	1	2	0	McCtch cf	4	0	1	2
Sizemr cf	5	1	1	3	Morgan lf	4	1	2	0
VMrtnz 1b	2	0	0	0	FSnchz 2b	4	1	2	0
Gimenz 1b	1	0	0	0	RVazqz 2b-ss	0	0	0	0
Choo lf	5	1	1	0	AdLRc 1b	4	2	3	3
DeRosa rf	4	0	1	0	Grabow p	0	0	0	0
JhPerlt 3b-ss	4	0	1	0	DlwYn ph-2b	1	0	0	0
Valuen ss	3	0	0	0	AnLRc 3b	5	1	1	1
Barfild 2b	1	1	1	0	Moss rf	3	2	1	1
Shppch c	4	1	2	3	Jarmll c	4	2	2	2
Pavano p	2	0	0	0	JaWlsn ss	4	1	1	0
J.Lewis p	0	0	0	0	SJcksn p	0	0	0	0
Sipp p	0	0	0	0	SBurntt p	0	0	0	0
BFrncs ph	1	0	0	0	Duke p	3	0	1	1
JoSmth p	0	0	0	0	JChavz p	0	0	0	0
RPerez p	0	0	0	0	Pearce ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Garko ph	1	1	0	0					
Totals	37	6	9	6	**Totals**	37	10	14	10

Cleveland 000 100 005— 6
Pittsburgh 030 601 00x—10

E—Valbuena (3), Duke (1), An.LaRoche 2 (8). DP—Cleveland 2. LOB—Cleveland 7, Pittsburgh 7. 2B—J.Carroll (5), Moss (15). HR—Sizemore (10), Shoppach (6), Ad.LaRoche (11), Jaramillo (2). SB—Morgan (18), Ad.LaRoche (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Pavano L,6-6	3⅔	11	8	3	1	3
J.Lewis	1⅓	2	1	1	1	1
Sipp	1	1	1	1	0	1
Jo.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0
R.Perez	1	0	0	0	2	0
Pittsburgh						
Duke W,8-5	6	5	1	1	2	4
J.Chavez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grabow	1	0	0	0	0	2
S.Jackson	⅔	4	5	2	1	0
S.Burnett	⅓	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Pavano. T—3:03. A—20,162 (38,362).

Royals 4, Astros 3 (11)

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
DeJess lf	6	0	3	1	Bourn cf	5	0	0	0
Callasp 2b	6	0	1	0	Kppngr 3b	3	0	0	0
Butler 1b	5	0	0	0	Tejada ss	4	0	0	0
JGuilln rf	6	0	0	0	Ca.Lee lf	3	0	1	0
Teahen 3b	5	1	2	0	Michals lf	2	0	0	0
B.Pena c	4	1	2	1	Brkmn 1b	5	0	0	0
Soria p	0	0	0	0	Pence rf	4	0	0	0
Bale p	0	0	0	0	IRdrgz c	4	1	2	0
LHrndz ss	2	0	0	0	KMatsu 2b	3	1	1	0
Hulett ph	1	0	1	1	Oswalt p	1	0	0	0
PenaJr ss	0	0	0	0	Erstad ph	1	1	1	2
Blmqst ph-ss	2	0	0	0	Sampsn p	0	0	0	0
Maier cf	4	1	1	0	Hwkns p	0	0	0	0
Hochvr p	3	0	0	0	Maysnt ph	0	0	0	0
Frnswr p	0	0	0	0	Valvrd p	0	0	0	0
JWrght p	0	0	0	0	Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
Jacobs ph	1	0	1	0	Kata ph	1	0	1	1
R.Colon p	0	0	0	0	Fulchin p	0	0	0	0
Olivo c	1	1	1	1					
Totals	46	4	12	4	**Totals**	36	3	6	3

Kansas City 000 001 001 11—4
Houston 000 002 000 10—3

E—Pena Jr. (4), Berkman (4), Keppinger (3). LOB—Kansas City 12, Houston 6. 2B—DeJesus (14), Teahen (13). 3B—Maier (3). HR—B.Pena (1), Olivo (11), Erstad (1). S—K.Matsui, Maysonet.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Hochevar	7	3	2	2	1	4
Farnsworth	0	1	0	0	0	0
J.Wright	1	0	0	0	1	1
R.Colon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Soria W,2-0 BS,2-10	1	2	1	1	1	1
Bale S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Oswalt	6	7	1	1	2	8
Sampson H,12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkins H,6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Valverde BS,3-8	1	2	1	0	1	0
Byrdak	1	1	1	1	0	2
Fulchino L,2-3	1	2	1	1	0	2

Farnsworth pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Hochevar (Tejada). T—3:35. A—28,602 (40,976).

Rays 7, Phillies 1

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	0	0	0	BUpton cf	4	0	1	0
Victorn cf	3	0	0	0	Crwfrd lf	4	1	2	0
Utley 2b	2	0	0	0	Longori 3b	3	0	2	0
Howard dh	3	0	0	0	WAyar 3b	1	0	0	0
Werth rf	4	1	2	1	C.Pena 1b	3	2	1	0
Stairs lf	3	0	1	0	Zobrist 2b	2	1	0	0
Mayrry ph	0	0	0	0	Burrell dh	4	2	1	3
Dobbs 1b	3	0	1	0	Bartlett ss	4	1	1	2
Coste ph	1	0	0	0	Gross rf	3	0	1	2
Feliz 3b	3	0	0	0	Navarr c	3	0	0	0
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	29	1	4	1	**Totals**	31	7	9	7

Philadelphia 000 000 100—1
Tampa Bay 020 000 05x—7

DP—Philadelphia 1, Tampa Bay 2. LOB—Philadelphia 6, Tampa Bay 4. 2B—B.Upton (16), Crawford (13), Longoria (24), Gross (8). HR—Werth (13), Burrell (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Blanton L,4-4	7	6	2	2	2	10
J.Romero	⅔	1	3	3	1	0
Park	⅓	2	2	2	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Garza W,5-5	8	3	1	1	3	7
Choate	1	1	0	0	1	0

Blanton pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by J.Romero (C.Pena), by Garza (Utley). T—2:46. A—18,862 (36,973).

Marlins 5, Orioles 2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Florida	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	3	1	2	0	Coghln lf	4	1	0	0
Pie cf	3	0	2	0	Bonifac 3b	4	2	1	0
AdJons ph-cf	1	0	0	0	HRmrz ss	3	0	1	2
Markks rf	4	1	0	0	Cantu 1b	4	0	1	0
A.Huff 1b	3	0	0	0	Hermid rf	4	0	1	0
Mora 3b	4	0	2	1	BCarrll rf	0	0	0	0
Scott lf	4	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	3	2	2	0
Wieters c	4	0	1	0	C.Ross cf	4	0	3	2
Andino ss	3	0	0	0	JoBakr c	4	0	2	0
Berken p	1	0	0	0	Nolasco p	1	0	0	0
Reimld ph	1	0	0	0	Gload ph	1	0	0	0
Hndrck p	0	0	0	0	Pinto p	0	0	0	0
Salazar ph	1	0	0	0	Helms ph	1	0	0	0
Albers p	0	0	0	0	Meyer p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	7	1	**Totals**	33	5	11	4

Baltimore 000 002 000—2
Florida 200 100 11x—5

E—Mora (5), Wieters (1), Bonifacio (13). DP—Baltimore 1, Florida 2. LOB—Baltimore 5, Florida 8. 2B—B.Roberts (25), Hermida (8), Uggla (11), C.Ross 2 (20). SB—Bonifacio (13), Ha.Ramirez (10). CS—Pie (3). S—Nolasco.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Berken L,1-4	5	4	3	2	2	3
Hendrickson	1	3	0	0	0	1
Albers	2	4	2	1	1	3
Florida						
Nolasco W,4-6	7	7	2	0	1	7
Pinto H,2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Meyer S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Albers. T—2:42. A—12,469 (38,560).

Rangers 2, Diamondbacks 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	1	1	0	FLopez 2b	3	0	2	1
DvMrp rf	3	0	1	1	S.Drew ss	4	0	1	0
MYong 3b	4	0	0	0	J.Upton rf	4	0	1	0
Byrd cf	3	1	1	0	Rynlds 3b	4	0	0	0
Blalock 1b	3	0	0	0	GParra cf	4	0	1	0
CWilsn p	0	0	0	0	Clark 1b	3	0	0	0
BBoggs lf	4	0	0	0	Byrnes lf	4	0	0	0
Tegrdn c	4	0	1	1	Monter c	3	1	1	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	CYoung ph	1	0	0	0
Padilla p	2	0	0	0	Haren p	1	0	1	0
Frncsc p	0	0	0	0	Ojeda ph	1	0	0	0
C.Davis 1b	0	0	0	0	Rauch p	0	0	0	0
					Qualls p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	4	2	**Totals**	32	1	7	1

Texas 011 000 000—2
Arizona 000 010 000—1

E—M.Young (5), Reynolds (11). DP—Texas 2, Arizona 1. LOB—Texas 5, Arizona 7. 2B—Teagarden (5), S.Drew (14), Haren (3). 3B—G.Parra (5). SB—Kinsler (15). S—Padilla, Haren.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Padilla W,6-3	7	6	1	1	2	3
F.Francisco H,1	1	1	0	0	0	1
C.Wilson S,7-8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Arizona						
Haren L,6-5	7	4	2	2	1	8
Rauch	1	0	0	0	1	1
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Haren (Byrd). WP—F.Francisco. T—2:40. A—20,031 (48,652).

Brewers 4, Twins 3

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Gomez cf	4	1	1	0	Counsll 2b	4	0	1	0
JMorls ph	1	0	0	0	Gamel 3b	4	0	1	0
BHarrs ss	4	0	1	1	Hoffmn p	0	0	0	0
Mauer c	3	0	1	0	Braun lf	4	0	2	0
Mornea 1b	5	0	0	0	Fielder 1b	4	0	1	0
Kubel lf	4	1	1	1	C.Hart rf	4	0	0	0
Cuddyr rf	4	1	2	0	MCmrn cf	4	2	2	0
Crede 3b	3	0	1	1	Hardy ss	4	1	1	0
Tolbert 2b	2	0	0	0	Kendall c	3	1	2	2
Blckrn p	4	0	0	0	Looper p	2	0	1	1
					Catlntt ph	1	0	0	0
					Stetter p	0	0	0	0
					Coffey p	0	0	0	0
					McGeh ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	7	3	**Totals**	35	4	11	3

Minnesota 100 002 000—3
Milwaukee 010 001 02x—4

E—B.Harris (3), Blackburn (1), Gamel (3). LOB—Minnesota 10, Milwaukee 8. 2B—Cuddyer (15), Crede (11), M.Cameron 2 (14), Kendall (7). 3B—Gomez (3). HR—Kubel (13). SF—B.Harris.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Blackburn L,6-3	8	11	4	3	1	2
Milwaukee						
Looper	6	5	3	3	4	4
Stetter	1	1	0	0	0	3
Coffey W,3-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Hoffman S,17-18	1	0	0	0	1	2

T—2:27. A—34,480 (41,900).

Yankees 8, Braves 4

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	5	2	1	0	McLoth cf	4	0	1	1
Damon lf	5	2	3	1	YEscor ss	5	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	4	1	2	1	C.Jones 3b	3	1	2	0
ARdrgz 3b	3	1	1	2	McCnn c	4	0	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	GAndrs lf	4	0	0	0
Swisher rf	4	1	1	2	Ktchm 1b	3	1	1	0
Bruney p	0	0	0	0	Francr rf	4	1	2	2
MaRivr p	1	0	0	0	Acosta p	0	0	0	0
Gardnr cf	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	1	0	0
Cervelli c	3	1	1	1	Kawkm p	0	0	0	0
Chmrln p	2	0	0	0	DHrndz ph	1	0	0	0
Coke p	0	0	0	0	Medlen p	1	0	0	0
MeCarr rf	1	0	1	0	Bennett p	0	0	0	0
					Prado ph	1	0	1	1
					GBlanc pr	0	0	0	0
					OFlhrt p	0	0	0	0
					M.Diaz rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	10	7	**Totals**	34	4	8	4

New York 000 003 122—8
Atlanta 000 010 210—4

E—Chamberlain (2), McCann 2 (4). LOB—New York 7, Atlanta 7. 2B—Teixeira (20), Me.Cabrera (11), McLouth (13). HR—Swisher (13), Cervelli (1), Francoeur (5). SB—Jeter (16). S—Chamberlain, K.Johnson. SF—McLouth.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Chamberlain W,4-2	6⅓	7	3	2	0	5
Coke H,4	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Bruney H,6	⅔	1	1	1	2	1
Ma.Rivera S,16-17	1⅓	0	0	0	0	4
Atlanta						
Kawakami	3	0	0	0	0	1
Medlen L,2-3	2⅔	3	3	3	2	2
Bennett	1⅓	2	1	1	1	1
O'Flaherty	1	2	2	1	1	0
Acosta	1	3	2	2	2	0

WP—O'Flaherty, Acosta. T—3:16. A—42,315 (49,743).

White Sox 10, Dodgers 7

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Pierre lf	4	1	1	0	Pdsdnk lf	5	0	0	0
Furcal ss	5	0	0	0	AlRmrz ss	3	2	1	1
Hudson 2b	4	0	1	1	Dye rf	3	1	2	2
Blake 3b	3	1	1	0	Wise ph-rf	1	0	1	0
JCastro 3b	1	0	0	0	Konerk dh	3	1	2	1
Ethier rf	5	0	0	0	Przyns c	4	1	2	0
Loretta dh	3	2	2	1	BrAndr cf	4	1	1	0
Loney 1b	3	2	1	0	J.Nix 2b	3	2	1	3
Martin c	4	0	2	0	Bckhm 3b	4	0	0	0
Kemp cf	4	1	1	3	Fields 1b	4	2	3	3
Totals	36	7	9	5	**Totals**	34	10	13	10

Los Angeles 030 000 130— 7
Chicago 102 250 00x—10

E—Al.Ramirez (6), Beckham (4). DP—Los Angeles 3, Chicago 1. LOB—Los Angeles 7, Chicago 4. 2B—Pierre (15), Dye (9). HR—Kemp (9), Al.Ramirez (9), Dye (16), Konerko (11), J.Nix (5), Fields 2 (5). SF—Hudson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Wolf L,3-3	3⅓	7	5	5	2	1
Wade	1	4	4	4	0	1
Ja.McDonald	2⅔	2	1	1	1	3
Mota	1	0	0	0	0	2
Chicago						
G.Floyd W,5-5	6	6	3	1	2	3
Carrasco	1	1	1	1	0	0
Gobble	⅔	2	3	3	1	1
Dotel H,10	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Jenks S,18-20	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Wolf (Konerko), by Gobble (Pierre). WP—Wolf 2. PB—Pierzynski. T—3:13. A—20,142 (40,615).

Angels 11, Rockies 3

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Fowler cf	4	1	1	0	Figgins 3b	4	3	3	0
Splrghs lf	4	1	1	0	BAreu rf	3	2	2	3
Helton 1b	3	0	0	0	TrHntr cf	4	0	1	2
Atkins dh	4	1	3	2	SRdrgz cf	0	0	0	0
Hawpe rf	3	0	2	0	Guerrr dh	5	2	2	3
Tlwtzk ss	3	0	0	0	JRiver lf	3	1	0	0
Quntnll ss	1	0	0	0	Quinlan lf	0	0	0	0
Iannett c	4	0	1	0	KMorls 1b	3	0	1	1
Stewart 3b	4	0	0	0	MIzturs 2b	4	0	1	1
Barmes 2b	3	0	0	0	JMaths c	4	0	0	0
					EAyar ss	3	3	1	0
Totals	33	3	8	2	**Totals**	33	11	11	10

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Los Angeles 330 201 02x—11

E—Helton (2), M.Izturis (3). DP—Colorado 2. LOB—Colorado 5, Los Angeles 5. 2B—B.Abreu (14), Guerrero (5). 3B—Fowler (3). HR—Atkins (6), B.Abreu (4), Guerrero (2). SB—Figgins (23), B.Abreu (16), E.Aybar (4). SF—Tor.Hunter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Marquis L,9-5	3⅓	9	8	7	2	4
Fogg	2⅔	1	1	1	2	0
Rincon	1	0	0	0	1	0
Embree	⅔	1	2	2	1	1
R.Flores	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Saunders W,8-4	6	4	1	1	1	6
J.Speier	1	0	0	0	0	3
R.Rodriguez	1	4	2	2	1	0
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	1

Saunders pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. WP—Fogg. Balk—Marquis. T—2:59. A—43,551 (45,257).

Giants 6, Athletics 3

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Rownd cf	4	1	2	1	Kenndy 2b	5	1	1	0
Torres lf	5	0	1	1	KSuzuk c	4	1	2	2
Sandovl dh	4	0	1	1	Cust rf	4	0	1	0
BMolin c	4	0	0	0	Hollidy lf	4	0	1	0
Renteri ss	4	0	1	1	Giambi dh	4	0	0	0
Aurilia 1b	5	1	2	0	OCarer ss	4	0	1	0
Uribe 3b	4	0	1	0	Crosby 1b	3	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	4	2	2	2	RDavis cf	3	1	1	0
MDwns 2b	4	2	1	0	Hannhn 3b	2	0	0	0
					Grcprr ph	1	0	1	1
					DBartn pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	11	6	**Totals**	34	3	8	3

San Francisco 030 300 000—6
Oakland 100 000 011—3

E—Hannahan (3), Holliday (3), G.Gonzalez (1). DP—San Francisco 1, Oakland 1. LOB—San Francisco 9, Oakland 7. 2B—Rowand (20), Holliday (14), Garciaparra (2). 3B—Kennedy (1). HR—Schierholtz (2), K.Suzuki (4). SB—R.Davis (9). SF—Renteria.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Ra.Johnson W,7-5	7	6	1	1	1	6
Romo	1	1	1	1	0	1
Howry	⅔	1	1	1	1	0
B.Wilson S,20-23	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
G.Gonzalez L,0-1	3⅔	10	6	4	2	6
E.Gonzalez	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Springer	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wuertz	1	1	0	0	0	0
S.Casilla	2	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Ra.Johnson (Hannahan). WP—Ra.Johnson. T—2:44. A—35,067 (35,067).

Mariners 4, Padres 3

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Gwynn cf	3	0	1	1	ISuzuki rf	4	1	2	0
Eckstn 2b	4	0	1	0	Branyn 1b	4	1	1	3
Hairstn lf	4	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	3	0	2	0
AdGnzl 1b	3	1	1	0	GrffyJr dh	3	0	0	0
Kzmnff 3b	4	1	1	2	FGtrrz cf	4	1	2	1
Headly dh	3	0	0	0	Balentn lf	4	0	1	0
Venale rf	4	1	1	0	YBtncr ss	3	0	2	0
Alfonzo c	3	0	1	0	Wdwrd pr-2b	0	0	0	0
ECarer ss	3	0	1	0	RJhnsn c	4	0	0	0
					Cedeno 2b-ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	31	3	7	3	**Totals**	32	4	11	4

San Diego 020 010 000—3
Seattle 030 000 01x—4

DP—San Diego 1, Seattle 2. LOB—San Diego 4, Seattle 7. 2B—Beltre (18), Y.Betancourt (10). HR—Kouzmanoff (10), Branyan (18), F.Gutierrez (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Geer	6	8	3	3	3	3
M.Adams	1	1	0	0	0	1
Mujica L,2-3	1	2	1	1	0	0
Seattle						
Morrow	5	6	3	3	1	4
Jakubauskas	2	0	0	0	0	1
White W,2-0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Aardsma S,15-16	1	0	0	0	1	2

T—2:44. A—22,988 (47,878).

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	32	.536	—
New York	37	34	.521	1
Florida	37	36	.507	2
Atlanta	34	37	.479	4
Washington	20	49	.290	17
Central Division				
St. Louis	40	34	.541	—
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	1
Chicago	34	35	.493	3½
Cincinnati	34	36	.486	4
Houston	33	37	.471	5
Pittsburgh	32	39	.451	6½
West Division				
Los Angeles	47	25	.653	—
San Francisco	39	32	.549	7½
Colorado	37	35	.514	10
San Diego	31	39	.443	15
Arizona	30	42	.417	17

Wednesday's NL game

N.Y. Mets 11, St. Louis 0

Thursday's NL game

N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 2

Friday's NL game

San Francisco (Cain 9-1) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-4)

Wednesday
Mets 11, Cardinals 0

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Schmkr 2b	2	0	1	0	Cora ss	4	0	0	0
C.Perez p	0	0	0	0	LCastill 2b	4	2	1	0
Hwksw p	0	0	0	0	AReyes 2b	1	0	1	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	DWrght 3b	4	3	4	0
Pujols 1b	2	0	0	0	Misch p	0	0	0	0
TGreen 1b	0	0	0	0	LHrndz ph	1	0	0	0
Ankiel rf	4	0	0	0	Parnell p	0	0	0	0
Duncan lf	4	0	0	0	Church rf	4	2	3	2
KGreen 3b	4	0	0	0	Tatis lf-1b-3b	4	1	2	3
LaRue c	4	0	1	0	FMrtnz cf	4	1	0	1
BThmp p	2	0	0	0	Evans 1b	3	2	2	2
TMiller p	0	0	0	0	Stokes p	0	0	0	0
Kinney p	0	0	0	0	DnMrp ph-1b	0	0	0	1
Thurstn ph-2b	2	0	0	0	Schndr c	4	0	1	2
BrRyan ss	3	0	2	0	Nieve p	2	0	1	0
					Reed ph-lf	2	0	1	0
Totals	31	0	4	0	**Totals**	37	11	16	11

St. Louis 000 000 000— 0
New York 100 303 40x—11

E—Thurston (8), Rasmus (3). DP—St. Louis 4. LOB—St. Louis 8, New York 4. 2B—D.Wright (22), Church 2 (14), Schneider (5). HR—Evans (1). SB—D.Wright (19). SF—Dan.Murphy.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
B.Thompson L,2-3	5	8	5	5	1	0
T.Miller	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Kinney	⅔	4	2	2	0	0
C.Perez	0	2	3	2	0	0
Hawksworth	2	2	1	0	0	0
New York						
Nieve W,3-0	6	3	0	0	4	5
Stokes	1	1	0	0	0	2
Misch	1	0	0	0	0	1
Parnell	1	0	0	0	0	0

B.Thompson pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. C.Perez pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. WP—C.Perez. T—2:50. A—39,689 (41,800).

BEN MARGOT/AP

Randy Johnson adjusts his cap after surrendering a run in the first inning Wednesday against Oakland. It was the only run he allowed as San Francisco won 6-3 for Johnson's 302nd victory.

Big Unit gets win No. 302

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Randy Johnson is rejuvenated with the San Francisco Giants.

He follows reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum in the rotation, then sees nine-game winner Matt Cain pitch after him.

"I can't say I feel any younger watching them pitch," Johnson, 45, said. "I'm enjoying this year as much as any year I've ever enjoyed because I'm making my pitches."

Johnson earned career victory No. 302 and matched his season high by going seven innings. Nate Schierholtz hit a two-run homer to help the cause and San Francisco beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 in the 2009 Bay Bridge Series finale Wednesday night.

Aaron Rowand added an RBI double and the Giants captured the season series from the A's for the first time since 2001.

Johnson (7-5) followed Lincecum's seven-hitter a night earlier with another strong showing. The Big Unit, who beat Oakland on June 13 for his 301st victory, allowed one run on six hits, struck out six and walked one.

"I'm 45 years old and I'm going out and getting double-play balls and I went seven innings today," he said. "That's a lot of innings for me. But I'm here to pitch on the day I'm here and I'm sure I'll have a couple of bad games before the year is over. In the meantime you want to keep things rolling too."

After Jack Cust's single in the third, Johnson didn't allow another hit until Orlando Cabrera singled in the sixth.

Giants closer Brian Wilson entered with two outs in the ninth following pinch-hitter Nomar Garciaparra's RBI double off Bob Howry. Wilson then struck out Adam Kennedy for his 20th save in 23 opportunities.

Interleague roundup

Sheared Ordonez regains power

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Magglio Ordonez ended a career-long, 40-game drought without a home run by connecting for the go-ahead shot, leading the Detroit Tigers over the Chicago Cubs 6-5 Thursday for their seventh straight victory.

Ordonez connected for a two-run homer in the fourth inning. The AL Central leaders held on to complete a three-game sweep, and matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Ordonez had two hits Wednesday in his first game since cutting his flowing locks. Maybe the slump was in his hair, which is now being auctioned on eBay for charity.

Armando Galarraga (4-7) gave up four runs in six innings and won for the first time since April 26. Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Ted Lilly (7-5) allowed six runs and 10 hits in six innings and lost for the first time in a month.

Ramon Santiago's two-run homer in the third pulled the Tigers within a run and they tied it 3-3 on Ryan Raburn's RBI double in the fourth.

Astros 5, Royals 4: Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs for host Houston. Berkman entered the game needing to drive in one run to become the third player in franchise history to reach 1,000 RBIs. He did it on his first at-bat, with a two-run shot to left. He pushed his total to 1,003 in the sixth inning with a drive to almost the same spot.

Twins 6, Brewers 4: Denard Span tripled, walked three times and scored three runs in his first game back from the disabled list. Joe Crede hit his 11th home run and Scott Baker (5-6) held Milwaukee scoreless until the sixth as the Twins took two of three from the host Brewers this week and five of six for the season.

In Wednesday games:

Brewers 4, Twins 3: Jason Kendall's two-out double in the eighth scored J.J. Hardy with the tying run, and Kendall came around on throwing errors by left fielder Brendan Harris and pitcher Nick Blackburn (7-2).

DUANE BURLESON/AP

It was 93 degrees at game time in Detroit on Thursday, and by the fourth inning the Tigers' Adam Everett needed a cold towel supplied by trainer Kevin Rand. The Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs 6-5.

The Brewers, who had lost four in a row and 10 of 14 to fall out of first in the NL Central, beat Minnesota for the first time this year.

Kendall's RBI single in the bottom of the sixth cut it to 3-2.

Angels 11, Rockies 3: Vladimir Guerrero ended a 28-game home run drought and had three RBIs, and Bobby Abreu drove in three runs with a homer and a double for host Los Angeles. Joe Saunders (8-4) allowed a run and four hits in six-plus innings.

Mariners 4, Padres 3: Franklin Gutierrez led off the eighth inning with a home run off reliever Edward Mujica, and the host Mariners won their 19th one-run game. Gutierrez's seventh homer was his fourth in five games against the Padres.

Red Sox 6, Nationals 4: David Ortiz got his 1,000th RBI and Boston won its second straight in its first regular-season visit to the nation's capital since 1971. Ortiz and Jason Varitek homered and Jon Lester (6-6) allowed three runs and six hits over six innings for the Red Sox, who've won 16 of 21. Jonathan Papelbon got his 17th save.

Tigers 5, Cubs 3: Gerald Laird and Miguel Cabrera homered to help the host Tigers win their sixth straight. Zach Miner (5-1), the third of seven Detroit pitchers, won it, and Fernando Rodney finished for his 15th save.

Derrick Lee extended his hitting streak to a career-high 21 games with a seventh-inning single.

White Sox 10, Dodgers 7: Josh Fields, who entered the game in an 0-for-16 slump, hit two of host Chicago's season-high six homers. The White Sox built a 10-3 lead, but the Dodgers cut the deficit to three on Matt Kemp's three-run homer in the eighth off Jimmy Gobble.

Bobby Jenks pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Yankees 8, Braves 4: Francisco Cervelli hit his first career homer to break New York's 14-inning scoring drought, and Alex Rodriguez had a two-run single as the visiting Yankees snapped a three-game losing streak. Joba Chamberlain (4-2) went $6^{1}/_{3}$ innings, giving up two earned runs for his first victory in four starts. Kris Medlen (2-3) lost it.

Pirates 10, Indians 6: Zach Duke (8-5) allowed a run in six innings and Adam LaRoche drove in three as host Pittsburgh ended a five-game skid. The Indians lost their seventh in eighth games as Carl Pavano (6-6) gave up 11 hits and eight runs — three earned — in $3^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

Blue Jays 8, Reds 2: Aaron Hill, Adam Lind and Vernon Wells homered in a five-run first inning as host Toronto won its third straight. Cincinnati's fourth loss in a row dropped it two games under .500 for the first time this season.

Rays 7, Phillies 1: Matt Garza shut down Philadelphia's offense and ex-Phillies slugger Pat Burrell homered for the first time in over two months to lead host Tampa Bay. Garza's first victory since May 16 evened the rematch between last year's World Series participants at 1-1. The Phils, who defeated the Rays in five games in October, won the opener 10-1.

Royals 4, Astros 3 (11): Miguel Olivo homered on the first pitch in the 11th inning and visiting Kansas City won its second straight after snapping a five-game losing streak. Olivo's shot off Jeff Fulchino (2-3) ricocheted off the railing in center field and bounced back onto the field. It was his 11th homer.

Rangers 2, Diamondbacks 1: Vicente Padilla pitched seven innings and Taylor Teagarden and David Murphy drove in runs as visiting Texas snapped a five-game losing streak. Padilla (6-3) allowed one run and six hits, walked two and struck out three.

Marlins 5, Orioles 2: Hanley Ramirez and Cody Ross drove in two runs each and Ricky Nolasco had his fourth straight strong outing as host Florida won its fourth straight. Ross had three hits, including two doubles as the Marlins (37-36) moved above .500 for the first time since May 12.

Santana tops Carpenter in Cy Young match

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johan Santana bested Chris Carpenter in a matchup of Cy Young Award winners as the New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 Thursday to win their first series since early June.

Nick Evans hit a two-run double during a three-run fourth inning for the Mets, who gave up an unearned run in the first and then rallied to win for the third time in four games against the NL Central leaders. The Cardinals, who were outhit 8-5, lost consecutive games for the first time since a five-game skid from June 5-9.

Santana (9-5), the AL Cy Young Award winner for Minnesota in 2004 and 2006, made his second straight solid start since allowing a career-high nine runs in a 15-0 loss to the New York Yankees on June 14. He gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings to win for the first time in three starts and lower his ERA to 3.08.

Santana struck out three and overcame early wildness. Uncharacteristically, he went to 3-0 counts four times in the first two innings.

The fourth time was against Skip Schumaker, who walked to load the bases for Albert Pujols. After starting with a ball, Pujols hit an inning-ending flyout to Fernando Tatis just in front of the warning track in left. Pujols had been 5-for-5 with three grand slams and 16 RBIs with the bases loaded this year.

Pedro Feliciano gave up a lead-off hit in the eighth to Rick Ankiel before getting three straight outs, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his 20th save in 22 chances. He struck out his first two batters, walked Pujols on four pitches and Ryan Ludwick on five, then retired Yadier Molina on a game-ending lineout to left.

New York had lost four straight series since winning two of three games at Washington June 5-7.

Carpenter (5-2), the NL Cy Young winner for St. Louis in 2005, gave up three runs and four hits in seven innings. He struck out five and, for the fourth time in 10 starts, walked none.

In Wednesday's game:

Mets 11, Cardinals 0: Fernando Nieve pitched six scoreless innings to extend his improbable stint with New York and recent callup Nick Evans hit a two-run homer for the Mets.

Nieve (3-0), who was claimed off waivers from Houston in March, has allowed 10 hits and three runs in $18^{2}/_{3}$ innings as a starter in place of injured John Maine.

David Wright tied a career best with four hits and Ryan Church had three hits and two RBIs in his first start as the cleanup hitter this season. The Mets bounced back from a 4-0, two-hit loss to the Cardinals on Tuesday with their best offensive output of the season. Evans had two of the Mets' 16 hits.

Nieve allowed St. Louis only three hits while walking four and striking out five.

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CONFEDERATIONS CUP COMMENTARY

'This one ranks at the top'

Americans Jozy Altidore, center, and Charlie Davies celebrate Altidore's goal in front of Spain's Albert Riera during Wednesday's 2-0 victory over the soccer powerhouse.

MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Upset of No. 1 Spain marks new high for U.S. soccer

BY BERNIE MIKLASZ
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Speaking on the phone from Bloemfontein, South Africa, Mike Sorber sounded exhausted. Two hours earlier, Sorber watched with immense pride as the U.S. shocked the seven continents around the globe with a brash 2-0 upset victory over Spain in the semifinals of the Confederations Cup.

This unexpected conquest of the world's No. 1-ranked team immediately qualified as one of the most important triumphs in U.S. soccer history. Some already are comparing it to the USA's epic 1-0 blanking of England in the 1950 World Cup. On Sunday, the U.S. will meet the winner of the Brazil vs. South Africa semifinal for the Confederates Cup championship.

Sorber, the native St. Louisan and St. Louis U. soccer alum, is a beloved figure in our town's soccer community. He's been a part of the national soccer program in two capacities, first as a valued midfielder on the U.S. team from 1992-1998, and now as an assistant coach to Bob Bradley.

So Sorber has experienced the good times and bad, the growth and the growing pains. But he'd seen nothing like this. I asked Sorber to describe the postgame scene in the locker room, when the U.S. players could finally catch their breath, cool down, and make sense of what they'd accomplished.

"There were a lot of emotions," Sorber said. "Everyone had just spilled their guts out and put everything on the line. There's just a lot of satisfaction when you have the belief, and make a commitment to stick together, and you prove that anything is possible. It was a great moment for U.S. soccer."

The U.S. prevailed on goals by Jozy Altidore and Clint Dempsey, some key saves from Tim Howard, and through determined play by center backs Jay DeMerit and Oguchi Onyewu. The U.S. didn't buckle when confronted by Spain's persistent pressure.

It was an amazing turnaround for the U.S. After losses to Italy and Brazil seemingly sent the overmatched U.S. on the way to a merciless elimination, they rose up to defeat Egypt 3-0 and advanced to the semifinals on the tiebreaker when Italy lost by three goals to Brazil.

Before the match with Egypt, irate fans and media back home called for Bradley's

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